

Mass Times 10th—17th January 2026

Sat 10th 10am *Mary Hewlitt and Family ints*

Sat 10th 6pm *Ros Eltham R.I.P.*

Sun 11th 9am *Chief Matthew Agu Ugwu R.I.P*

Sun 11th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

Mon 12th 10am *John O'Sullivan R.I.P*

Tues 13th 10am *Chinedu Aaron Ugwu's ints.*

Weds 14th 10am **No Mass**

Weds 14th 12 Noon **No Mass (Lambourn)**

Thurs 15th 10am *Patrick Bergin R.I.P. (f)*

Fri 16th 10am **Requiem Mass for Late Margery Flanagan RIP**

Sat 17th 10am *Pete Gray R.I.P*

Sat 17th 6pm *Beth Monaghan R.I.P.*

Prayers please for Canon Peter who is ill in Hospital

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially John Lynch, Aileen Dunne, Margaret McKenna, Roger Morgan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Robin Pope, Pete Gray, Terence Murrell, Ros Eltham, John Hunter, Louisa O'Neil, Denis Buckley, Beth Monaghan, Michael O'Connor, Mary Derbyshire, Jeanne Taylor, Edward Purcell, Colin Kirkham, Marie-Therese Pert, Vera Picken, Philip Kent, Gabrysia Anderson, Wojciech Dubenski, Mary O'Sullivan, John Prove, Marjorie Whitaker, Anthony Windsor, Geoffrey Whitehead, John and Audrey McCaffrey, Mary Black, Edward Morgan, Richard Corkery, Jack Kneafsey, Barbara Healy.

Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list .

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If you would like to continue supporting the Church your weekly/ monthly offering can be made online using this name and account number :

CDP Wantage St John Vianney

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01720016

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Year A Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2026

All God's Children



Has anyone ever told you that they're proud of you? It's a good feeling it's a feeling that empowers a feeling that makes you believe you can do anything. Imagine for a moment that day on the River Jordan at Jesus' baptism. Consider how Jesus must have felt when the heavens opened and the Spirit of God spoke the words, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Remember that this significant event took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry before he had gone out into the world to teach or to heal. Before Jesus had done anything at all, God was already well pleased with him.

As baptism identified Jesus, so too are we identified in our baptism as children of God. So what significance does baptism have in our lives? Do we feel proud at God's affirmation? Do

we feel empowered to carry out God's plan? In truth most of us would be confounded if we had to provide an answer to these questions. To most of us, our baptism is an old photo in a forgotten album of childhood memories, or a neglected christening mug collecting dust on a high up shelf. In our own baptism we do not have the obvious benefit of God speaking directly to us from the heavens. Nevertheless, we have made promises in baptism and confirmation, and like any other promise we have to work at keeping them. Baptism isn't a one off event. Baptism is a sacrament that we have to work at daily setting aside time to think about what we are meant to be doing and having the faith that God is supporting us in our efforts.

Jesus said of his baptism. "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Jesus didn't explain what he meant by this, but in biblical context, the word 'righteousness' is often used to express a good relationship with God. By this, we understand that our own baptism sends us off on the road to building a good relationship with God and with others, and by believing in God's backing, we are empowered to do more than we can imagine.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for January - For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Join us for refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass on Sundays.



There is a lovely old adage that says - Before Mass, talk to God and after Mass talk to your neighbour. While we all like to chat and catch up, before Mass is a time for God, a time to recollect ourselves and to prepare to celebrate devoutly. Quietness also helps others to prepare. So please be considerate and keep our conversations for after Mass.

Look After Your Neighbour - As the temperatures plummet give a second thought to an elderly neighbour. Offer to do some shopping. Offer to salt a neighbour's front step. Make sure elderly family members have got an up to date hot water bottle. (Hot water bottles have a shelf life of two to three years.)

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney
Postponed till February**

**Scripture Study
An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings .
Postponed till February.**

St. Amand's Catholic Primary School is running our annual Celebration Fundraiser at the historic Hendred House on 6th February. Tickets are £35pp and include food, welcome drink, raffle, auction, cash bar and a Heads or Tails game where one person will win £250 on the night (participants must be 18+ to take part in the Heads or Tails game). In other news, our new Benefactor Association has been set up so that individuals and their families who have the means can help the school to thrive. Please read the attachment for more information on the Benefactor tiers available. To get your Celebration Fundraiser tickets or become a Benefactor [complete this form](#). We now have registered for easyfundraising; do your normal online shopping and every time you shop a donation is made to the Friends of St. Amand's. Get fundraising for FREE and [visit this link](#) to register.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office . Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



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Campaign in 2026

In 2026, with the renewal brought about by the Jubilee, CAFOD will continue to look at the big issues of debt, food and climate. The debt that lower-income countries are struggling with, the dysfunction of the global food system and the devastating impact of climate change are huge drivers of poverty, and they are interconnected.

If you've never campaigned before, it's just using your voice to call for something better. Signing a petition in church is campaigning. It's all about having a vision of how things could be, and despite all the challenges, it is still a beautiful thing to be part of. You can begin by urging the Foreign Secretary to act on Sudan. Sign the online petition at www.action.cafod.org.uk/page/183860/petition

Church Action on Poverty

No matter how hard we tried to spend sensibly over Christmas, there is no doubt that the pressure of Christmas makes most of spend more than intended. For many, January is a very difficult month with parents wondering how to feed their children or buy bits of school uniform, and the elderly wondering how they will afford their heating bills.

To do:-

- Donate used school uniform to your school uniform shop or the local charity shop.
- Don't forget to add something, however small, to the food banks every time you visit the supermarket. The foodbanks struggle to stay stocked up at this time of year.
- Challenge misconceptions around poverty. We are ALL struggling more than we were.
- Top up to the nearest pound at self-service tills if you are given the option.
- Donate online to Church Action on Poverty at www.church-poverty.org.uk/

Important Contacts.

Hospital / Home visits. Sick Communion,

If you are sick or going into hospital and would like a visit or Holy Communion, call the office on **01235 762374**

Parish Safeguarding ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn anne.strickland@mail.com

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

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