

## Mass Times 7th - 14th June 2025

Sat 7th 10am *Hewlett Family Ints.*

Sat 7th 6pm *Frank & Kitty Connolly R.I.P.*

Sun 8th Pentecost Sunday

9am *Eva O'Connor R.I.P.*

11am *Pro Populo Lambourn*)

Mon 9th 10am

Tues 10th 10am *Theresa Appleyard R.I.P.*

Weds 11th 10am

Weds 11th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 11th 7pm Holy Hour and Benediction

Thurs 12th 9am *Charles Cadogan R.I.P.*

11am *Requiem Mass Dorothy Armstrong R.I.P.*

Fri 13th 10am *Denis Kenward R.I.P.*

Sat 14th 10am *Jessica Moore R.I.P.*

Sat 14th 6pm *May Knight R.I.P.*

## Confessions:

Saturdays:

10:30—11am

St. John Vianney.

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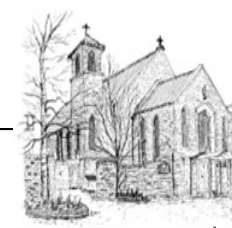
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## Wantage & Grove Church Partnership Joint Service & AGM

At St. John Vianney  
Sunday 8th June  
4pm

Refreshments in  
the hall

## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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## Year C Pentecost Sunday 8th June 2025



## Unlocking Your Talent

The disciples have locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the Jews. We know exactly where they're at. We too are good at making prisons for ourselves. We make prisons where feelings of inadequacy, apathy, guilt, pride or confusion rule our lives. We lock ourselves into debilitating patterns of behaviour where fear and other self defeating traits become habit.

The disciples are behaving very much how we behave when we are facing difficulties. Then everything changes. Jesus comes amongst them and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples begin to do amazing things. Suddenly they can reach out around the world regardless of language culture or race.

This isn't just a story about something that happened a long time ago, it's a promise. We each have a component that fits into God's greater picture. We each have a talent that lends itself to God's purpose. Unlocking that talent is a daily challenge. How do we use our skills to best advantage? How do we knock down the barriers that prevent us reaching our true potential? Where do we look for direction, focus and discernment? How do we find courage, faith, energy and foresight? The answer to all these questions is the 'Holy Spirit'.

The same Holy Spirit that enables the early disciples liberates and empowers us. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives whenever we ask.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Anne Buckley, Stephen Smith, John Sabota, Dot Armstrong, Jeroen Visser, Michael Purcell, Michael Vaughan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Peter Shaw, Margaret Wilson, Elizabeth Wright, May Knight, Elga

Moran, Ernest Popkiss, June Woollard, Charles Boyle, Noreen Aymes, Moira Foxon, Agnes Durr, Evelyn Tuckey, Brenda England, Mervyn Thomas, Lucy Soanes, John Hughes, Maria Bradshaw, Kitty Connolly. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Joelle McGowran, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Kevin Maher, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan and all those suffering at this time. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list .

## Collections Thank You

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**

**Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.**

### We continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Lord, source of eternal life and truth,  
give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care,  
may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and vicar of Christ,  
build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love,  
and peace for all the world. Amen.

### Join us for refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass on Sunday



#### The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. June is traditionally the month when Catholics are urged to show special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son". (Jn 3:16)

**Please pray for our six young candidates** who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 29th June at 9am Mass.

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**Prayer Group** -next meeting is on Monday 9th June at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Hall. All are welcome.

**We keep in our prayers** all of our young people who are taking important exams at this time.

**'What's wrong with the world and how to fix it: Education as soul care'**. A talk given by Dr Jan Bentz on Friday 27th June at 7.45pm at Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon. Entry is free, but if you would like to join in a fish supper prior to the talk, at 7pm, cost is £13 pp, please email your booking to pbhf.bucklandandfaringdon@gmail.com

**Holy Hour of Prayer  
and Eucharistic Adoration  
St. John Vianney  
Wednesday Evening 7– 8pm**

#### Scripture Study

An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings  
Tuesday 7-7:30pm on Zoom

**Safeguarding Notice** - Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the toilets at Church. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.



**First Saturday Devotions 7th June** will begin with The Holy Rosary at 9:30am in St. John Vianney. For more information on First Saturday Devotions visit [A Short Explanation of the Five First Saturdays](#) | [The Fatima Center](#)



**The feast of Pentecost** is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. It was on the feast of Pentecost when the apostles, filled with Holy Spirit, went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. Pentecost, Greek for 50th day, is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. Originally it was a Jewish feast that concluded the fifty days of Passover. In Britain, Pentecost is also called Whitsun, because on this day new Christians used to be baptised. Often they wore white, so Pentecost was known as White Sunday, later shortened to Whitsun. To celebrate Pentecost, read the Acts of the Apostles to find out what happened to the Church following the events of Pentecost. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth.



#### Wantage and Grove Church Partnership AGM

This year, we are hosting the AGM on Sunday 8th June (Pentecost Sunday) at 4pm. **Please come along to support our Church** and to enjoy tea/coffee/cake while meeting with members of the other churches in our area.

**First Holy Communion classes in Lambourn** - Fr. David will shortly be starting a First Holy Communion group in Lambourn so if you have a child who is 7 years or above and would like to enrol them in the group, please see Fr. David after Mass, or contact the parish office.

**Office Hours**—Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm. Thursday and Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

#### 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 Rep:** Barbara Jarrett 07427181090

Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn

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**Baptisms and other Sacraments**—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email [wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

##### Other Priests in the area :

Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038

Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338

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