

MASS TIMES 19TH - 26TH NOVEMBER

Sat 19th 10am *Kathy Child's Ints.*

Sat 19th 6pm *Jessie & Keith Harrison R.I.P.*

Sun 20th 9am *Dorothy Reece R.I.P. (F)*

Sun 20th 11am *William Preece R.I.P.*

Monday 21st No Mass

Tuesday 22nd 10am *Desmond Murtagh R.I.P.*

Weds 23rd 10am *Those persecuted for their Faith*

Weds 23rd Noon *Matthew White R.I.P. (F)*

Thurs 24th 10am *Dec'd of Bowen Family R.I.P.*

Fri 25th 10am *Dec'd member of Wantage CWL R.I.P.*

Sat 26th 10am *Catherine Hickey R.I.P.*

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 10:30 to 11am
at St. John Vianney
or by appointment

Cold and flu season is upon us - If you feel unwell or are displaying symptoms please test for covid before coming to Mass. It is important that we protect each other and be more considerate towards those who may be vulnerable.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn

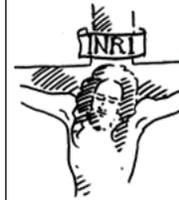


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Year C Christ The King 20th November 2022



'Christianity Rules!'

The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership. Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why Jesus is King. We're not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but the authority to demand peace, tolerance justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive.

'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a lifetime to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we can't bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising his kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. There's a popular saying "You can't help who you fall in love with." Absolutely wrong! To love or not to love is a decision. It's easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... but not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us.

It's easy to imagine Judgement Day and Christ the King's Kingdom as a long way off. It's easy to think that we will start living differently tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but what makes us believe that we will start living our lives any differently at 95 than we did when we were 25? If Jesus had just been a very good person, we might be tempted to sit back and let him get on with things. That Jesus is a king means that we are his followers and that we are all called upon to fight his cause.

Love and forgiveness takes practice starting in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness on a daily basis. The Feast of Christ the King— it's not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.

11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Fr. Robin Sanders, Georgina Cave, Neil Murphy and Bridget May Knight, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Susanna McFeely, Richard Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Ela Ozbayraktar, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, Robina Ryder, Robina Johnstone, Margaret McGivern, Teresa Bowler, Mabel Capell, Gillian Parrott, Joan Kent, Tom Murphy, Joe Picken. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Margaret Wilson, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, Gloria Allen 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 :

PRCDTR 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November -For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Do we have a 'man with a van' who would be willing to help transport large and heavy items for SVP and Little People? Specifically, we would like to move a small double bed from Grove to King's Wharf, and possibly a cooker and washing machine.

SVP - We are supporting a young man who has been re-housed in an empty flat. If you feel able to help towards the cost of white goods etc. we would be very grateful for donations which can be made either using the account below or forwarded in an envelope clearly marked SVP. With many thanks for your kindness.

CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISING CONCERT & SOCIAL EVENING, WITH PANDEMONIUM & PETE ORTON.

Tickets are now on sale after weekend Masses. £10, to include refreshments. All proceeds to Church Funds.
Friends and family welcome. Could you offer a lift to someone who can't drive? This is not JUST a Christmas Concert - it is a much-needed fund-raiser for the Parish, a long-awaited opportunity for the parish to meet socially and yes, it promises to be a great concert to help put us all in the festive spirit. Contact Carol 07905 043017 for further info. Donations of quality raffle prizes and/or a plate of festive finger food gratefully received - sign up on the poster in the Church Porch.



Lambourn Parish Meeting - to discuss the Bishop's 10 year plan, will be on 27th November in the hall after Mass.

Little People - we need: baby clothes size 0-6 months ; a cot, cot/bed and cot size bedding. With continued thanks for your support.



Red Box—please could you bring your red boxes to Church for counting during November. If you can't get to Church, we can arrange collection.

St. John Vianney Food Bank
Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the box marked "Food Bank" in the Church porch.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596 Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074

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National Youth Sunday

Pope Francis famously said "Dear young people, please, don't be observers of life, but get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."
What our youth lack in experience, they make up for in imagination, energy, initiative and confidence. It is up to older parishioners to invite, facilitate and encourage the contributions of our youth.



Saint Cecilia—Feast Day November 22nd

The power of music in Christian worship is obvious. Music can have many qualities - spiritual, emotional, theological, intellectual. On this, the feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music, we are asked to emulate her example. Like any good Christian, Cecilia sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art.

Dates For Your Diary:

Pandemonium Christmas Concert/Social Evening - Friday Dec 9th, 7:30pm.

Parish Retreat Day - Saturday 10th December - Will begin with Mass and will include talks, Adoration and Benediction. Everyone welcome to attend either all or part of the day. Bring your own lunch.

Christmas Carol Service Sunday 18th December, 5pm at St. John Vianney.

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. 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 is our contact for all adult and child safeguarding issues. Please contact Barbara through the parish office.

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

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