

28th June —5th July

Sat 27th 10am *Augustine Pulikotil RIP*
Sat 27th 6pm *Pro Pop*
Sun 28th 9am *Edward Moran RIP*
Sun 28th 11am (*Lambourn*) *Paule Grimont RIP*
Mon 29th 10am
Tues 30th 10am *Carl Cooke RIP*
Weds 1st 10am
Weds 1st (*Lambourn*) *Paul Collins RIP*
Thurs 2nd 10am *Miss Caspers*
Fri 3rd 10am *Private Intention*
Sat 4th 10am
Sat 4th 6pm *In Thanksgiving*
Sun 5th 9am *Michael Dawson's Intentions*
Sun 5th 11am (*Lambourn*) *Pro Pop*



QR Code to
Register as a
Parishioner

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this . Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter.

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am– 1pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 5:00pm on Thursday.

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.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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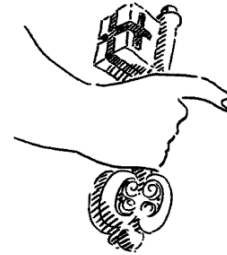
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Year A Sts Peter and Paul 28th June 2026



What is religious freedom? It probably means something a bit different for everybody. For most it means the freedom to develop our faith in an atmosphere of support and respect. It might mean, the freedom to promote what we believe whilst respecting the religious freedoms of others. It means valuing the work of our ancestors and of the saints that have gone before us who lived and even died so that we might have choices. It is important, particularly on this the feast day of

Saints Peter and Paul, that we do our utmost to protect the religious freedoms of Christians in other countries. We are hearing on the news more and more of Christians who are persecuted, murdered, abducted and displaced. We hear on a daily basis of the many thousands of Christians who have been driven out of their homes and communities. If Saints Peter and Paul were around today they would wonder why we were allowing it to happen. In today's gospel Jesus turns to Peter and says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Whether Jesus' idea of 'Church' is our idea of 'Church' is debateable, but one thing is for sure, Jesus intended to leave behind a group of followers initially led by Peter, united in their belief of Jesus and God until the end of time. Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Do we fully appreciate how useful we could be as part of the Catholic Church? Do we appreciate how much good we can do? How sad if our faith was just about going to church on Sunday. If Saints Peter and Paul were around today would they be closeted up in the front room watching 'Songs of Praise', or would they be out there supporting our Catholic Aid agencies and bombarding our governments? There is much suffering and pain. We were never promised an easy ride in this world, in fact Saint Paul wrote the following to the Church in Corinth. "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Dates for your Diary: ST BIRINUS FESTIVAL This will be held this year from Thursday July 9 to Sunday July 12 in Dorchester-on-Thames, and seeks to celebrate a remarkable and often overlooked part of England’s Catholic heritage - the arrival of Roman liturgy, chant, and sacred music in the Kingdom of Wessex. For information: www.stbirinusfestival.co.uk

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP This popular camp is run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and will be on 17th to 21st August this year at St Cassian’s Centre, Kintbury RG17 9SR for youths aged 11-17. For more information and to book, please visit: <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp-2026> or email contact@fanningtheflame.co.uk.

HENDRED – MILTON PILGRIMAGE The Bishop Challoner Walk between Hendred and Milton will take place on Saturday 27th June, leaving Hendred House Chapel at 10am. There will be a sung Mass in Milton Manor Chapel at 12.30pm. All welcome. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

This week we celebrate the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Although they are celebrated together, they were very different people; St. Peter the impulsive fisherman, a salt of the earth working man and St Paul, a Roman citizen, who knew Greek and Latin, and evangelised the gentiles. Each was called by Christ to proclaim the Truth, that Jesus was the son of God. Find out more about Sts. Peter and Paul at: [Saint of the Day - Calendar of Saints of 06/29 - Vatican News](#)

Child Registration

We are now in the phase of adding children to our parish database. Please use the QR code here to register your children. This is very important for those who will be joining the First Holy Communion and Confir-



Child Parishioner Registration Form

Oxford Catenians

Today we welcome representatives of the Oxford Catenians for the celebration of their president’s Mass. Each Circle in this international Association of Catholic men usually hold a “President’s Mass” on the feast day of their co-patrons to pray for a successful Catenian Year. This year, Oxford Circle President Chris Bevan will be in attendance with some of the brothers and wives of the Circle. They will join us for coffee after Mass and hope to speak to anyone interested in finding out more about the Catenian Association.

This week there is a second collection ‘Peter’s Pence’ which supports the Holy Father’s mission, which extends throughout the world. It includes the proclamation of the Gospel, the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples - thanks also to the many service activities carried out by the dicasteries, agencies, and organizations of the Holy See that assist him daily.

Gift Aid Donations

Thank you to all who support the parish through planned giving and online donations. If you are a UK taxpayer and you register for Gift Aid, the government gives the parish an extra 25% on top of what you have given, at no extra cost to you. We need to update our files so you may get an email from us soon to re-register Gift Aid. Please take the time to fill this in so we can continue to claim. If you are not a Gift Aider please consider it. You can also use the QR Code here to register.



Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Gift Aid Declaration Form

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
Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Other Priests in the area :
Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038
Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338
St. Amand’s School [01235 833342](tel:01235833342) . website: www.st-

Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney
Wednesdays 7-8pm

Scripture Study
Change this week
Thursday 7-7:30pm on Zoom