

Mass Times 6th - 13th July 2024

Sat 6th 10am

Sat 6th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 7th 9am *Beryl Corr R.I.P.*

Sun 7th 11am *Mrs Paule Grimont R.I.P.*
(Lambourn)

Mon 8th July 10am *Thomas S. McDonagh R.I.P.*

Tues 9th 10am *Peter Shaw R.I.P.*

Weds 10th 10am *Roger Bush's Ints.*

Weds 10th 12 Noon (Lambourn)

Weds 10th 7pm Holy Hour

Thurs 11th 10am *The O'Rourke Family Ints.*

Fri 12th 10am

Sat 13th 10am *Libby Dawson's Ints.*

Sat 13th 6pm *Tudor Morgan BEM R.I.P.*

All Masses at
St. John Vianney
are on Zoom.
Masses at
Sacred Heart
Lambourn
are not
available on Zoom.

Confessions
St. John Vianney
Saturdays
10:30 - 11am
or
by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Peter Shaw, Pat Kerton, David Coyle, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Anne Devenney, Derek Woollard, Tudor Morgan, Emmie Lee, Joseph Boyce, Richard Miles, Alice Roche, Catherine Gray, Ainsley Forster, George Hunter, Marguerite McGowan,

Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Eugene McEvoy, Marie Moss, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, Dot Armstrong, 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.

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Year B 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th July 2024



Closed Minds

Hands up did your older brothers and sisters try to teach you things as a child only to be met with protests, scoffs and yawns? It was only when your parents stepped in and paid up front for an expensive tutor that you would finally sit up and pay attention. It seems that we disregard as unimportant what is right under our noses. The next-door neighbour might speak words of great wisdom to us over the garden fence, but unless the same words were boomed at us from a cloud or a mountain-top we would barely heed them. The old adage that 'familiarity breeds contempt' is certainly a true one.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking, they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day. Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is less likely to work wonders in a closed mind.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July - For the pastoral care of the sick. We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones, the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Volunteers Needed:

Readers at Mass - Ministers of Holy Communion. Church Linen.

Children's Liturgy leaders/helpers

If anyone feels able to help please speak to Fr. David or email the office.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass

Care for Our Common Home - Plastic Free July

This initiative occurs on the same date each year, encouraging individuals and communities to reduce their plastic use throughout the month. It's a global movement aimed at raising awareness about the environmental impact of plastic and inspiring lasting changes.

St Amand's Catholic Primary School, East Hendred - Please visit our friendly school to see how much a Catholic education has to offer. If you would like to know more please contact the Headteacher Mrs Ellery on [01235 833342](tel:01235 833342) . website: www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk or email office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

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

Don Bosco Boys Camp 2024 - for secondary school age yrs6 to yr11 will be held at St. Cassian's Centre Kintbury from Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August. There will be plenty of sporting activities, outings and games as well as morning prayer, daily Mass and Reconciliation. For more information visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/new/enews or email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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:

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St. Benedict - Feast Day 11th July

Benedict of Nursia, monk, writer and theologian, is the father of western monasticism. Pope Paul VI proclaimed him the Patron Saint of Europe because the monasteries founded under his rule and spread throughout the western world, became centres for spirituality, hospitality and education. Many of our oldest universities grew from Benedictine foundations.

Peter Shaw R.I.P.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Diana and her family as they mourn the death of Peter whose funeral will be at St. John Vianney Church on Monday 22nd July at 1:30pm.

Scripture Study - Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

Children's Liturgy - for children between the ages of 4 and 8. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Mass.

Office Hours -Tuesday 11-1:30 Thursday & 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 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

Other Priests in the area :

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