

Mass Times 13th - 20th August

Sat 13th 10am *Olga Arnold R.I.P. (F)*
Sat 13th 6pm *Pro Populo*
Sun 14th 9am
Sun 14th 11am *Margaret Tynan R.I.P.*
Mon 15th 10am
Tues 16th 10am *Heather Gardener R.I.P.*
Wed 17th 10am *John Moore R.I.P.*
Wed 17th Noon
Thu 18th 10am *Jacek and Catherine's Ints.*
Fri 19th 10am *Patrick Bergin & Brian Green R.I.P.*
Sat 20th 10am

Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm



Confessions:

Saturday 10:30—11am
or by appointment



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year C Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 14th August 2022

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

Find us at www.wantagecatholicparish.org and sacredheartlambourn.org



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Bridget May Knight and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Kathleen Perry, Jim Bryan, Edward Bateman, Jennifer Randall (nee Murphy), Robert Carter, Fr. Leo Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Rosina Shields, Ellen Newton and Maureen Bailey. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially John Gemmell, 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.

The Key to Life's Challenges



How do we live our lives? Do we feel overworked, overwhelmed anxious and tired? Do we feel unable to make an impact on the world around us? Do we suffer from negative feelings of inadequacy, failure, boredom or of panic?

When we are at our lowest ebb we might ask for God's help, but few of us would consider completely putting our trust in God or expecting any fulfilment in return. It's exactly this that makes the Blessed Virgin Mary so special. Mary's trust in God and her lifelong fidelity have

made her the model disciple.

Mary presents to us the key to life's challenges when she says, "...He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty...." Mary addresses two driving forces that come up again and again in our lives and our society; self-interest and the use of power to get our own way.

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real, day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2022 - For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Mission Plan for the Diocese - The draft document called "You Will Be My Witnesses", which Bishop Philip has produced after lengthy consultation with both clergy and laity, is available to read on the diocesan website - link below. The PPC will be discussing this important document which speaks to our parish and wider area. It is vital that we all have the opportunity to be part of the discussion and to provide feedback. If you have any thoughts or concerns at all, please jot them down and either email or hand them in to the office so that they can be discussed at the next PPC meeting in September.

The Draft Plan can be found here:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/>

Please click on the **Draft Strategy Document** link at the bottom of the webpage.

Refreshments after 9am Mass on Sundays - everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee in the hall.

Weekday Readers - if you would like to read at weekday Masses, please pick up the white stole from the bench so that Fr. David will know he has a reader.

Volunteers Still Needed for: Children's Liturgy; Reading at Mass; Minister of Holy Communion, Church cleaning and Welcomers. Please speak to Fr. David or Sharon. Training will be given.

St Bernadette - In September and October, the relics of St. Bernadette will travel on pilgrimage through England, Wales and Scotland. For more information visit <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

SVP and Little People - we are collecting good condition children's clothes, boys and girls, all ages. Donations can be left in the porch clearly marked "SVP" or "Little People". Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

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

Holy Communion From The Chalice - the Bishop's Conference has issued the following statement - "The Bishops Conference have been asked to look into the possible resumption of the reception of Holy Communion under both kinds to the congregation. Having taken advice from Professor Jim McManus, it was thought that it would not be prudent to resume this at the moment, but that this would be kept under review as further research becomes available. It was noted that most parishes are taking sensible options over the Sign of Peace where nods rather than shaking hands were becoming more commonplace. It was noted that clergy could decide for themselves if they wished to continue to wear face masks to distribute Holy Communion."

Give a Lifetime of Love Free will-writing service

Gifts in wills pay for over a third of CAFOD's development work. Without them, the charity would have to turn down one in three requests for help. With a gift in your will, many more families can access nourishing food, clean water, and the tools they need to build a better life and a brighter future. That's why CAFOD is offering a free will-writing service – to help you make your will and look after the people and causes you care about most. To get your free will-writing guide visit www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Leave-a-gift-in-your-will/Free-will-service

200 Club Winners July Draw If you would like to support the parish by joining the 200 club, please contact the parish office. Membership is £26 per year.

1st prize £30 Mike Hill
2nd Prize £15 M. Boyce

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 :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

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