

## Mass Times 17th - 24th August 2024

**Sat 17th 10am** *Margaret Monahan R.I.P.*

**Sat 17th 6pm** *Jimmy Green R.I.P.*

**Sun 18th 9am** *Margaret Monahan R.I.P.*

**Sun 18th 11am** *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

**Mon 19th** *Patrick Bergin and Brian Green R.I.P.*

**Tues 20th to Friday 23rd inclusive - No Mass**

**Sat 24th 10am** *Colette Towey R.I.P.*

**Sat 24th 6pm** *Rose Hayter 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 - Valerie Moulton, Tom Carney, Neil Murphy, Margaret Tynan, Maria Costello, Kathleen Perry, Jim Bryan, Edward Bateman, Bob Carter, Fr. Leo Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Ellen Newton, Maureen Bailey, Bernard Rivers, William Sole, Josephine Kneafsey, John Gibson, Donald Whitehall. 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 .

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**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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th August 2024

#### Wisdom's Banquet.



Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each has laid on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If

we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer, selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August - For political leaders**

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Welcome** to all who have recently joined our parish and to all who are visiting during the holidays.

If you are new to the parish you can register as a parishioner using this link <https://p3.pamis.co.uk/wanlam/online80147>

**While on Holiday**, take the opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches around the world. Remember to Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) a really useful website providing Mass times, Church locations, contact information, website links and maps around the world. Just type in the name of the town/area that you are visiting.

**Prayer Group** - Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th September at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.



**March for Life Saturday 7th September** - the theme for this year's march is "Abortion isn't Healthcare". The march is a peaceful, family event that attracts thousands of pro-life supporters each year so please come along and be a voice for the voice-less. Contact the parish office if you would like someone to travel with.

**Hospice Care for the Terminally Ill** - Following much celebrity exposure on the very emotive issue of "assisted dying", we have a duty to defend the true dignity of life from conception to natural death. Hospices are 'The jewel in the crown' when it comes to palliative and end of life care. There is a wealth of information on the hospice movement at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/hospice/>

**Ask your MP to protect the most vulnerable in society.** Take action: email your MP today: [righttolife.org.uk/newparliament](http://righttolife.org.uk/newparliament)



**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 Thank you for your support.

**The Month of August is Dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

Our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is rooted in Scripture where St Luke tells us that Mary "...treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart". Luke 2:19

O Queen conceived without sin, please pray for us who have recourse to thee.



**Congratulations to our young people who will be heading off to Universities now that the results are in.**

Most universities have a Catholic chaplaincy, providing a real home from home. A good chaplaincy will also organise social events, and will of course offer daily Mass. Check to see if your university has a Catholic Chaplaincy Facebook page.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation** - If you would like to enrol your child/young person in our preparation groups which will begin in the autumn, please email the parish office or speak to Fr. David after Mass.

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress 14th September.** The Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress will take place on Saturday 14th September 2024 at St. Mary's College, Oscott. Bishops, priests, and people from all the dioceses of England and Wales will gather for a day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist. A limited number of places have been allocated to each diocese. Clergy are asked to encourage regular Eucharistic Adorers and committed parishioners to consider attending. Further information contact Fr. Michael Dennehy at [mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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  
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