

17th May– 24th May

Sat 16th 10am Elsie Shepherd RIP
Sat 16th 6pm Ruby and Marvyn Hill RIP
Sun 17th 9am Pro Pop
Sun 17th 11am (*Lambourn*) Eugene and Margaret McEvoy RIP
Mon 18th 10am Holy Souls
Tues 19th 10am Colette Totman RIP
Weds 20th 10am
Weds 20th (*Lambourn*) 12 Noon
Thurs 21st 10am Sharon Dawson's ints
Fri 22nd 10am Simon's ints
Sat 23rd 10am Jeroen Visser RIP
Sat 23rd 6pm Dec'd Members of Moran Family
Sun 24th 9am Pro Pop
Sun 24th 11am (*Lambourn*) Bernard Thomas Webb RIP



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Seventh Sunday of Easter 17th May 2026



In our current world we are probably feeling in need of a little love. Across the globe there is unprecedented need. There are millions in need of a little love. Today Jesus is telling us that it is up to us all to spread that love in as many practical and prayerful ways that we can think of. Are we up for the job? Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible. On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, the job is not beyond us.

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, Terry O'Hara, Rebecca O'Hara, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Mike and Maria Oliver, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan.

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am– 1pm.
The Parish Administrator is Mrs. Gwen McCourt

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.

Red Boxes. Please bring your Red Boxes to church during May for collection. Thank you to those who take Red Box. If you would like one please contact the Office



Care for Our Common Home

Imagine... if you could have **free organic fruit and veg...** enjoy some **exercise** (light or vigorous, whatever suits!) **in a beautiful space**, out in the open air... with other, **like-minded people...** and have the chance to support, encourage and safeguard **our wonderful planet and all of its biodiversity...** **AT THE SAME TIME!!!**

Well now you can! Come over to **Uffington Community Garden on Saturdays from 2pm – Patrick’s Orchard, behind the Fox & Hounds pub - SN7 7RL.** We have tools etc. and can show you what to do. Speak to Heather or just turn up!



May is Mary’s Month

During May, The Month of Our Blessed Mother we recite the Rosary every Friday after Mass in person and on Zoom. If you can’t join us please pray at home.

POPE LEO – PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

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

Scripture Study this week Tuesday 7pm. All welcome on Zoom link

Evangelisation Strategy Team

Father David is currently setting up the new **Parish Evangelisation Strategy Team.** This group will take the lead role in moving our Parish forward in line with the Bishop’s Plan for the Diocese working closely with the other Area Parishes. It is an exciting Team charged with new initiatives for Formation and Evangelisation. If you would like to be part of this new Team chat to Fr. David

For Our Younger Parishioners

Over the next days and weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Remember to keep the young people of the parish in your prayers. We petition for clear thinking, inspiration, guidance and calm.

Catholic Communications Network Second Collection Sunday 17th May marks the 60th World Day of Social Communications. This year’s theme is Preserving Human Voices and Faces. The second collection on this day supports the work of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops’ Conference works hard to foster positive relationships with media outlets to communication the Good News of the Gospel. For more information, and to read Pope Leo’s message for World Communications Day 2026. Vatican Website.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Please continue to pray for the children who made their First Holy Communion in a few weeks and please pray for their families as well.

CONFIRMATION Please pray for our young parishioners who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 5th June

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

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