

Mass Times 14th - 21st May

Sat 14th 6pm Amy Cashman's Ints.

Sun 15th 9am

Sun 15th 11am Marjorie Moran R.I.P.

Mon 16th To be confirmed

Tues 17th 10am

Wed 18th 10am Patrick Bergin R.I.P.

Wed 18th Noon Maureen Humphries R.I.P.

Thurs 19th 10am

Fri 20th 10am Peter Smith R.I.P.

Sat 21st 10am Margaret McEvoy R.I.P.

Covid Restrictions

Following the H&S meeting, we continue to recommend the wearing of masks, though it is now a personal choice. we request that if you show any symptoms or have tested positive, you do not attend Mass as this will support our vulnerable parishioners. We will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you for all your patience.



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Love Is Catching



Does it ever seem to you that Jesus can be a little unrealistic? Today Jesus tells us **"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."** But how can we go round loving everyone we meet? Isn't love reserved to those closest to us ... our parents, children, and partners? Harder still, how can we love as Jesus loved? Jesus loved us to the point of death. Surely following this kind of example is a very tall order!

The main thing to remember in following Jesus' teaching is that he wouldn't ask anything of us that we couldn't do. Secondly, we might not be ready to love each other to the point of death, but Jesus gives us plenty of other lessons in how to love. We're not talking some impossible ideal or some form of idealistic behaviour. We simply need to recognise, as Jesus recognised that love is a basic human need. Jesus had a talent for seeing everyone as an individual. We too need to see people as individuals rather than lump them together into categories. We too need to recognise need and respond accordingly. Loving someone is a decision we make rather than the harbouring of fluffy romantic sentiments found in greeting cards. Loving someone is about serving the need to be liked, appreciated, forgiven or helped. We follow Jesus' lessons in love every time we seek to alleviate someone else's suffering ... every time we reject violence and retaliation every time we make a stand against neglect or greed or apathy.

There are plenty of people who are already living their lives by Jesus' example. These people are shining examples of discipleship, not by what they say but by how they behave. Have you ever been filled with so much respect for someone that you wanted to imitate them? If you start to behave in the same way it won't be long before others are looking up to you as a role model. Watch out love is catching.

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 Richard Wells, Sybil Murphy, Dame Catherine Wybourne, Carl Oberman, Noel Monahan, Denis Buckley, Aristides Patrinos, Michael Carroll. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially John Gemmell, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Sr. Veronica O.P. , 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2022

For faith-filled young people - We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Supporting Ukraine With Your Small Change Calling all Consumers

Lots of our supermarkets are now sending support packages out to Ukraine. Find out if your local supermarket is one of them and lend your support. Some supermarkets are requesting consumers round up their payment at the self-service check-out to the nearest pound. In this way supermarkets have raised millions to provide Ukrainian refugees with warm clothes, food and shelter. They are also focussing on restoring water supplies and medical facilities. This is an easy and quick way to support. Your small change can make a big change in Ukraine.

CAFOD The paradox of abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System*: a 7-station journey resource.



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

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

The Sunday Obligation

During the pandemic, the Sunday Obligation was lifted by the Bishops of England and Wales, recognising that, for many, attending Mass in person could be difficult or impossible. The Bishops have decided to re-introduce the Sunday Obligation with effect from Pentecost, 5th June 2022. From **Pentecost Sunday**, when the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation returns, those who are able to attend Church for Mass cannot normally fulfil the Mass Obligation by watching online. This is a decision of the Catholic Bishops' Conference. A 'congregation' is, by definition, a 'gathering of the flock': audiences listen in, congregations gather together. However there are many for whom watching on line is a sensible decision: the elderly, the sick, those travelling. People in these circumstances are dispensed from the Mass Obligation.

Two points about the Sunday Obligation which are worth thinking about. First, the notion of 'obligation' is not about compulsion. No one is compelled in this matter. 'Obligation' has a root word which is about 'binding'. We are talking about a covenant relationship here not a penal code. Secondly, on Sundays, we enter afresh, week by week, into the Paschal Mystery of Christ who is our way, our truth and our Life. We gather to celebrate all that the Lord has won for us. It's a joy, a celebration, and not an obligation.

Volunteers - If anyone living in Grove would like to befriend/offer lifts to Mass for a Ukrainian refugee, please contact the parish office.

We welcome Mgr Andrew Burnham from East Hendred and Canon Peter who will be supplying again this weekend while Fr.D is isolating.
Thank You both.

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**
Baptisms—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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