

Mass Times 6th - 13th May

Sat 6th 10am *In Thanksgiving*

Sat 6th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 7th 9am *HM The King Charles III*

Sun 7th 11am *Kath Walwyn R.I.P. (at Lambourn)*

Mon 8th No Mass

Tues 9th 10am *Graham O'Connor R.I.P.*

Weds 10th No Mass at Wantage or Lambourn

Thurs 11th 10am *Elsie Shepherd R.I.P. (F)*

Fri 12th 10am *Peter Smith R.I.P.*

Sat 13th 10am *Michael Petterson R.I.P.*

Sat 13th 6pm *Brian Green R.I.P.*

Cold and flu -

If you feel unwell please test for covid before coming to Mass so that we can protect the vulnerable. Thank you.

Confessions:

Saturdays 10:30 to 11am
or by appointment.

All Masses at St. John Vianney are on Zoom.

Masses at Sacred Heart Lambourn are not available on Zoom.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Michael Petterson, Kathy Child, Patricia Senior, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Evelynne Frewer, Fred Armstrong and Mary Rawlinson. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Dot Armstrong, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, 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.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year A 5th Sunday of Easter 7th May 2023



Finding the Best Way

Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made and never corrected, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it. If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples. "No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May-For Church movements and groups.

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Date for Your Diary - Wednesday 17th May - Bringing Justice to the Food System. Come along to a talk by Paul Padley on considering how our shopping and eating choices can impact the lives of the world's poorest, and how our choices can help protect the planet. 7:45pm at Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon.



Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th May at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

The Month of May is traditionally known as "Mary's Month," when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Devotion to Mary is an important part of our Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Let's rediscover the beauty and power of praying the Rosary.



Stamps - Thank you to Kath Griffiths who has resumed the collection of used stamps for the RNLI. **Candles** The Mix (Mill St.) is collecting used bits of candles (or new if you have unwanted ones). There is a collection box at the Mix or you can leave them in the Church porch and we'll take them down.

Bishop Philip's 6 Holy Habits

1. To keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass
2. To spend 5 minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures
3. To do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy
4. Every fortnight to come and visit the Blessed Sacrament
5. To go to Confession once a month
6. To join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship.

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Contact us through the parish office or on this number 07842271596. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.

St. John Vianney Food Bank and SVP - Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the boxes marked "Food Bank" and "SVP" in the Church porch.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to touch people's hearts as they follow the Coronation ceremony and to enkindle within them a deeper faith in God.



We extend our thoughts and prayers to King Charles III and Queen Camilla as they celebrate the Coronation on Saturday at 11am



Sunday 7th May Coronation Weekend.

Please join us in the hall after 9am Mass to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

There will be bacon/sausage/breakfast rolls with vegetarian options, Croissants, Danish pastries, tea/coffee and soft drinks.

Also, games and an art competition for the children.

If children would like to decorate a crown, pick up your template this weekend, or surprise Fr. David with your own Coronation artwork.



Lambourn—tea/coffee and cake after Mass in the hall on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the King's coronation, we also hope to show highlights of the coronation on the big screen

The Big Help Out - Monday 8th May To mark The King's Coronation thousands of organisations are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities. Churches across the UK are invited to join #TheBigHelpOut on Monday 8 May 2023 to recognise the contribution of volunteering to our communities. The idea is to give us all an appetite for making our communities happier and better connected. <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

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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