

ST. JOHN VIANNEY WANTAGE
SACRED HEART LAMBOURN



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NO PAIN NO GAIN



The third servant in today's parable was trying to bury a responsibility that he wished to avoid. The treasure he had been given was an opportunity for him to invest and please his master, but instead of putting himself out, he buried the treasure where he could forget about it and go about his own affairs. Buried deep, the treasure was no longer an uncomfortable reminder of his master's expectations. Meanwhile, the other two servants, realising that there is no gain without pain, risked everything on their master's account. They invested and multiplied their gifts, and their master was pleased by their efforts.

Like the three servants in this story we too have been given talents and gifts, and with those talents comes a responsibility to use those talents as an opportunity to make the world a better place. Our talents are varied, some great some small but we are all gifted in some way. Some have high profile and very obvious talents … there are those who are great musicians, surgeons, sports people and scientists. The rest of us might have less obvious talents. We might have a talent for caring, listening, speaking, growing things or solving practical problems. Whatever our particular gift we are urged to step out with it … stick our neck on the line and invest our gifts in God's cause. God will not be so impressed if we are too afraid, embarrassed or lazy to use our talents. Ever heard the expression 'Use it or lose it.' If we ignore our gifts long enough, there will come a time when we can no longer rely upon them. This is what happened to the third servant.

One of the excuses that the third servant made for not investing his gift was that he was fearful of losing it. But the message today is not to be fearful. God never asks us to do something we are not capable of doing, and he is not judging us by our levels of productivity. The master in the story did not judge the third servant for producing nothing from his gift, but rather for being lazy and for his bitter indifference to his master's generosity. The master would not have judged him harshly, if he had tried his best but failed.

Today we are invited to look again at what gifts we have been given and how we are using them for the benefit of all. We are asked to examine what gifts we might be ignoring because we are too embarrassed or afraid, and we are asked to live a little dangerously and invest more of ourselves in God's cause.

Mass Intentions 14th -22nd November

Sat 14th 10am *Muriel Moran RIP*
Sat 14th 6pm *Pro Pop*
Sun 15th 9am *Jim Dorrian RIP*
Sun 15th 11 am (Lambourn) *William Preece RIP*
Mon 16th 10am *Chris Read RIP*
Tues 17th 10am *Caspers Family*
Weds 18th 10am *Jackie Mattam's Int.*
Weds 18th 12 noon (Lambourn) *Hans and Eileen Koch RIP*
Thurs 19th 10am *Stephen Hickey RIP*
Fri 20th 10am *Liz Jarman's Int.*
Sat 21st 10am *Dec'd.mems. of the Izeki & Lokytimu families RIP*
Sat 21st 6pm *Tom & Mary O'Connor RIP*
Sun 22nd 9am *Dorothy Reece RIP*
Sun 22nd 11am (Lambourn) *Pro Pop*

Adult Registration **Child Registration**

REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER USING THE QR CODES ABOVE

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment.

In your Prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially, Frank Williams and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Pam Robinson

Scripture Study
Tuesday
7 - 7:30pm

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

Dates for your Diary -

SVP Pudding and Quiz Night
Friday 20th November There will be a Quiz and Pudding Night in aid of SVP in the Hall, from 7pm-10pm. Tickets £5 single, £20 family.
Wednesday 2nd December - Lord Mayor's Carol Service will take place at 6pm, at St.Peter &St. Paul (Wantage Parish Church)
Sunday 6th December Phoenix Brass Band Concert will be held in Walwyn Hall, Lambourn. Marion and Anne Strickland are looking for donations of food mince pies etc. Also raffle prizes. Please contact them if you are able to help.
Sunday 13th December - Tea & Coffee after Mass at Lambourn
Suday 13th December - Carol Service 4pm-6pm followed by refreshments in the Hall.
Sunday 20th December -Tea & Coffee after Mass at Lambourn

Choir Dates
Sunday 22nd November after 9am Mass
Sunday 29th November after 9am Mass
Sunday 20th December after 9am Mass



St. Amands School
This Sunday we welcome children from St Amands School, who will take part in the liturgy.

Christmas Cards are now on sale in the Repository.

SVP Quiz Night The SVP needs donations of puddings and raffle prizes. Can you help? Please sign up on the list at the back of church.

There will be Teas and Coffees after Mass in the Walwyn Hall, Lambourn today

Red Boxes!
Do you support the work of **Missio** with a 'red box' at home? Red Box collections take place during the month of November. Please leave your red box a the back of church. If you would like a red box and do not have one, please see Anne Hodgson.

Sunday 22nd November
A videographer will be in attendace and will film Mass, choir practice and teas and coffees.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November



Pope Leo's prayer intention for November is for the proper use of wealth. The Pope recalled that Jesus reminds us "that true wealth is not found in what we keep, but in what we give with love."

"You can find out more at https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-11/pope-november-prayer-intention-for-the-proper-use-of-wealth.html

There will be a second collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund after Mass today.
You can find out more and donate via the QR code here.



Gift Aid your donation

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am-1pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 5:00m on Thursday.

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

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
Other Priests in the area :
Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038
Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338