

## Mass Times 18th - 26th February

Sat 18th 10am *Private Intention*

Sat 18th 6pm *Ros Eltham R.I.P.*

Sun 19th 9am *Judith Kershaw R.I.P.*

Sun 19th 11am *(at Lambourn)*

Mon 20th No Mass

Tues 21st 9am *Kathleen Petterson R.I.P.*

Weds 22nd Ash Wednesday 7am

10am *Fr. Robin Sanders R.I.P.*

12 Noon *(at Lambourn)*

7pm

Thurs 23rd 10am *Ros Eltham R.I.P.*

Fri 24th 10am *Daphne Nagraj + Lorraine & Sharon Fernandez  
R.I.P.*

Sat 25th 10am *Zachary Dawson's Intentions*

Sat 25th 6pm *Kathleen Green R.I.P.*

### Cold and flu -

If you feel unwell or are displaying symptoms 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



## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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### Year A 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th February 2023

#### Friend or Foe?



What strange advice! "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." "If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile..." "If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too." Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us? It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a

challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence. If we only love those who love us back we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ.

In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. Jesus isn't suggesting we roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us, nor is he suggesting we turn a blind eye. What he is suggesting is that we always make a stand for justice in the spirit of love and not aggression. There are a million and one little things we can do each and every day to help tackle the causes of poverty, prejudice and oppression. The world has never been more ready.

All Masses at St. John Vianney are on Zoom. Masses at Sacred Heart Lambourn are not available on Zoom.

Masses on Sunday at 11am and Wednesday at Noon are at Sacred Heart Lambourn



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Bob Dore, Cath Walwyn, Ros Eltham, Judith Kershaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Lady Violet Aitken, Fiorenza Innes, Joe Emery, Sylvia Ody, Cynthia McDonald, Philip Ciampoli, Anna Heffernan, Daniel Cumberbirch, Edith Williams, Margaret O'Connor.

Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Kathy Child, 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.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February - For parishes** We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**Marriage Prep Course** - Thank you to those who offered to help with the marriage course. Please could you email Fr. David to confirm that you would like to go ahead.

**Volunteers** - there are many opportunities if you would like to volunteer in the parish.

- Children's Liturgy - if this is something you would like to help with, you are welcome to join us in the hall on a Sunday to see how it works.
- We also need Readers at Mass, help with Church cleaning and with refreshments after Mass on Sundays and other occasions.
- Altar Servers



**Hello, I'm back!**

The boat race is on  
...watch this space

**Stamps** - Thank you for supporting us with collecting used postage stamps. The Leprosy Mission will no longer be accepting stamps so the collection will cease at the end of February.



**Prayer Group** - our next meeting will be on Monday 6th March at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - helping people who are struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. You can make contact 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.

**Online Courses** - The Dominican Sisters at Sway have some great online courses coming up. For more information, visit <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

**Scripture Study** - Tuesday evenings at 7pm on Zoom.

**Refreshments after 9am Mass every Sunday**

**Little People** - Donations of food and clothing can be left in the Church porch clearly marked "Little People". Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

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

**Shrove Tuesday 21st February** - Please join us in the hall after 10am Mass for tea/coffee and hot cross buns.

**'Ash Wednesday** is the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.'



**Soup lunch Fridays during Lent** - if you would like to sign up to make soup, please contact the parish office with possible dates that you can do—Fr. David will do the first week. Please come along. Donations will go to CAFOD

**Date for your diary** - Saturday 11th March—Bishop Philip will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at St. John Vianney. All are welcome to join the Bishop for light refreshments in the hall after Mass.

**World Day of Prayer** - Friday 3rd March 7:30pm at St. John Vianney. From its inception in 19th century USA as an organisation for women to get involved with missionary activity at home and abroad, World Day of Prayer is now a worldwide ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action.



**Upcoming Meetings:** Finance Committee Thursday 23rd February 7:30pm  
If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns that you would like raised at the meetings, contact the parish office by 21st February.

**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.

### **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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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