

Mass Times 13th - 20th May

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

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

Sun 14th 9am Pro Populo

Sun 14th 11am Margery Moran R.I.P. (Lambourn)

Mon 15th No Mass

Tues 16th 10am Steve Murphy's Ints.

Weds 17th 10am Huw Williams R.I.P.

Weds 17th No Mass at Lambourn

Weds 17th 7pm Vigil Mass for The Ascension

Thurs 18th Ascension of The Lord

10am Elijah's Ints.

12 Noon (At Lambourn)

Fri 19th 10am Dorothy Cadogan's Ints.

Sat 20th 10am

Sat 20th 6pm Frank & Hedwig Mangan 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 6th Sunday of Easter 14th May 2023



If you Love Me

Jesus' 'farewell discourses' are a bit like a teacher's final lesson before an exam packed with important advice. "If you love me you will keep my commandments." "Love one another as I have loved you." "The Spirit of Truth will abide with you when I am gone."

Love of course is key to all Jesus' last minute advice. There's lots we already know about love from our own relationships.

If we love and care about each other we say where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we don't keep secrets or have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one's needs before our own. It's the same with God; we show God we love him by keeping his commandments. Commandments aren't there to create unnecessary discipline, they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other. Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas, such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or fertility. For instances such as these, Jesus left us an 'Advocate' a 'Spirit of Truth'. We are promised that the 'Spirit of Truth' will guide us through all of life's difficult decisions. Jesus left us with hope and help, now it's down to us.

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.

Refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass

Red Box Holders - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during May. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio by donating through the red box. If any other parishioners would like to consider having a red box, please email the parish office for more information.



First Holy Communion and Confirmation -

Please speak to Fr. David if your son/daughter would like to join the groups to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Uffington Community Garden - volunteers meet - Saturdays 2 -4pm. We grow organic fruit and veg to share. The garden is behind the Fox & Hounds pub so refreshments and loo's are close at hand! All ages & accompanied children welcome! No membership fee, no commitment, no experience necessary and no expectation. Contact:- Heather and Peter Abel 01367 820709, after Sunday Mass or just turn up! Also on Facebook

Safeguarding - we are committed to ensuring that all are safeguarded while attending Mass and other activities in our Church. Our main toilet is just inside the Church door and not visible to us during Mass, so please could parents accompany their child if they need to use the facilities.

Wanting to volunteer? -Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Details at(<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 inflame our hearts with the love of God and of our neighbour.



Ascension Day - Thursday 18th May - Holy Day of Obligation.

After his Resurrection, Jesus spent the next 40 days teaching and preparing his disciples to perform the work of preaching, and baptizing all people. After 40 days, he ascended into heaven. The disciples didn't leave the scene of the Ascension in mourning; they returned with great joy and praised God in the temple day after day. It is clear that in everything they did from then on, Jesus was real and present in their lives.

A Big Thank You to Anne and all the team who organised and worked to make the Big Breakfast celebration so enjoyable. Thank you to all who came along and to all the children for their wonderful artwork which is on display at the back of Church.

Scripture Study - Tuesdays 7 - 7:30pm Let Fr. David know if there is anything in particular that you would like covered in Scripture study.

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.

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

Other Priests in the area :

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