

1st August —9th August

Sat 1st 10am *Jeremiah Mushi int*

Sat 1st 6pm *Gary Green RIP*

Sun 2nd 9am *Michael Vickers RIP*

Sun 2nd 11am *Patrick Folan RIP*

Mon 3rd 10am *Georgina Shipsey RIP*

Tues 4th 10am *Canon Peter Turbitt RIP*

Weds 5th 10am *In Thanksgiving (Recovery after Operation)*

Weds 5th 12 noon (Lambourn)

Thurs 6th 10am *Pro Pop*

Fri 7th 10am *Canon Peter Turbitt RIP*

Sat 8th 10am *Michael Moran RIP*

Sat 8th 6pm *Barbara Vaughan RIP*

Sun 9th 9am *Pro Pop*

Sun 9th 11am (Lambourn) *Delia Folan RIP*



QR Code to
Register as a
Parishioner

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Canon Peter and Ken Trotter, and those whose anniversaries occur around this. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Pam Robinson.

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 5:00pm 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

Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.



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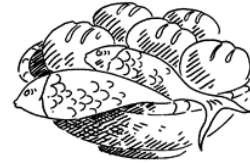
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Year A 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd August 2026



Give Them Food Yourselfes

We've heard of the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand from childhood and it's a brilliant story, but what is the real point of it. Is the point of it to prove Jesus' divinity and God's great power? Is it to show Jesus' compassion in caring for people even when he was at his most tired? Perhaps the point of the story is Jesus' response in solving the problem of the crowd's hunger. Significantly, Jesus turns to the disciples and says, "Give them food yourselves...." How must the disciples have felt? They were used to Jesus taking charge. How did he expect them to solve a problem of this enormity? But to Jesus there is no problem. He takes what little the disciples have, five loaves and two fishes, sanctifies it and the results are enough to feed five thousand with food left over. Today the world is asking to be fed both literally and spiritually. Could the little we have to offer be enough to tackle problems of a global size? Back in 2000, all the nations of the world agreed to what are called the Millennium Development Goals, initially set for 2015 and now projected until 2030. It is possible for us to eradicate poverty. We have the will and we are already well underway. As in the feeding of the five thousand, God is asking us to do our bit and he will use whatever small steps we take in ways that might surprise us. From our human perspective, we look at the planet's resources and see scarcity. From God's perspective there is great abundance. Now it's up to us to share our God given resources justly around the world.

Dates for your Diary:

Mass and Confessions for Hong Kong Catholics in Oxfordshire

There will be a Saturday vigil mass celebrated in Cantonese by a visiting priest, Fr Robert Wong (SVD Taiwan), in English Martyrs Church Didcot, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ on Saturday 8th August at 4pm. Confession time (in Cantonese) starts at 3pm. Tea and Refreshment will be served after mass. For registration and enquiries, please email to oxhkcaths@gmail.com, or contact Ada Chim in Didcot by 01235812338 or didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Funeral Arrangements for Canon Peter RIP.

Canon Peter's remains will be received into St John Vianney on Thursday 20th August. Vigil from 5pm till a Requiem Mass at 7pm followed by Rosary.

Canon Peter's Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip will be at English Martyrs Didcot at 10am on Friday 21st August followed by burial at Chain Hill Cemetery. Refreshments will be served at St John Vianney Hall after the funeral on Friday. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

First Saturday Devotions—There will be rosary before the 10am Mass on Saturday 1st August, as part of the First Saturday devotion. All are welcome to join.

Care for Our Common Home—Grow Your Own

There is no better education then teaching your children how to grow their own fruit and vegetables. Whether you have a garden, or a back yard, pots, greenhouse, windowsill or an allotment there's lots to learn and to do.

Kim Leadbeater's 'Terminally Ill End of Life (Adults) Act' having run out of time in the House of Lords, is being brought back by Lauren Edwards MP. The second reading will be on 11th September. It is vital that as many people as possible write to their MP asking him/her to oppose this Bill. There are several organisations which provide good information, which can be included in your letters. They include 'Right to Life; www.righttolife.org.uk 'Not Dead Yet' www.notdeadyetuk.org and the 'Augustine Bioethics Network' www.abnethics.org. Every letter is important. Only 12 MPs need to change their minds for the Bill to be defeated.

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

Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm on Zoom

Calling parents and children for pre-registration for First Holy Communion. Classes will begin in September. If your child will be seven by 30 May 2027 please register. Classes will run on Saturday mornings from 10:00am –12:15. See Fr. David after Mass. For more information.

Child Registration

We are now in the phase of adding children to our parish database. Please use the QR code here to register your children. This is very important for those who will be joining the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes next September.



Holiday Foodbanks

Foodbanks usually see an increase in demand for emergency food for children during the summer holidays. Over a third of all food distributed by the foodbank network throughout the year goes to children, but there is extra financial pressure during the school holidays for families who rely on free school meals during term time, amounting to between £30 and £40 a week per child. If you have never donated to a foodbank, now is a good time to start.

Parish Feast Day 4th August. There will be teas and coffee after Mass on 4th August to celebrate our parish patron, St. John Vianney.

St. John Vianney—Patron of our Church.

St. John Vianney was born in 1786 and grew up during the French Revolution, when the Catholic Church was suppressed. From an early age he saw priests as heroes and determined to become one, despite having great difficulty passing exams. As the Cure d'Ars his skill as a confessor became widely known and up to 20,000 people each year travelled to Ars for confession. You can find out more about St. John Vianney at www.catholic.org/saints

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