

Mass Times 21st - 28th May

Sat 21st 6pm *Margaret McEvoy R.I.P.*

Sun 22nd May 9am *Dec'd Members of Moran Family*

Sun 22nd 11am *Pro Populo*

Mon 23rd No Mass

Tues 24th 10am

Wed 25th 10am *Mario Bergin's Ints.*

Wed 25th Noon *Bridget Madden R.I.P. (F) L*

Thurs 26th **Ascension of The Lord Solemnity**

10am at Wantage

Thurs 26th Noon at Lambourn

Thurs 26th 7pm at Wantage

Fri 27th 10am

Sat 28th 10am

Covid Restrictions

Following the H&S meeting, we continue to recommend the wearing of masks, though it is now a personal choice. We request that if you show any symptoms or have tested positive, you do not attend Mass as this will support our vulnerable parishioners. We will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you for all your patience.



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Year C 6th Sunday of Easter 22nd May 2022

God Knows No Orphans



There are times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness. The disciples must be feeling a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..." Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but Jesus reminds us that love is a two way street. Love isn't just a feeling it's a decision, and staying in God's love means making a decision to keep his words. This doesn't mean God will no longer love us if we fail to keep a commandment, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.

11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.

Find us at www.wantagecatholicparish.org and sacredheartlambourn.org



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Richard Wells, Sybil Murphy, Dame Catherine Wybourne, Carl Oberman, Noel Monahan, Denis Buckley, Aristides Patrinos, Michael Carroll. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially John Gemmell, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Sr. Veronica O.P., Tom Carney, Gloria Allen 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 :

PRCDTR 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 May 2022 - For faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

PENTECOST RETREAT - The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality at Boars Hill are running a Pentecost retreat, which you can join in person or online. To find out more and register, use the link <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/gods-love-poured-out-retreat/>

The Sunday Obligation - During the pandemic, the Sunday Obligation was lifted by the Bishops of England and Wales, recognising that, for many, attending Mass in person could be difficult or impossible. The Bishops have decided to re-introduce the Sunday Obligation with effect from Pentecost, 5th June 2022. From Pentecost Sunday, when the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation returns, those who are able to attend Church for Mass cannot normally fulfil the Mass Obligation by watching online. This is a decision of the Catholic Bishops' Conference. A 'congregation' is, by definition, a 'gathering of the flock': audiences listen in, congregations gather together. However there are many for whom watching on line is a sensible decision: the elderly, the sick, those travelling. People in these circumstances are dispensed from the Mass Obligation. Two points about the Sunday Obligation which are worth thinking about. First, the notion of 'obligation' is not about compulsion. No one is compelled in this matter. 'Obligation' has a root word which is about 'binding'. We are talking about a covenant relationship here not a penal code. Secondly, on Sundays, we enter afresh, week by week, into the Paschal Mystery of Christ who is our way, our truth and our Life. We gather to celebrate all that the Lord has won for us. It's a joy, a celebration, and not an obligation.



**Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration
at St. John Vianney**

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596

World Communications Day 29th May - The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Communications Network . Pope Francis' message for the 56th World Day of Communications is on the theme of *Listening with the ear of the heart* - to be attentive to the cry of those in need. The collection assists the Church in communicating and promoting an attitude of attentiveness and the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Invitation to a Civic Service to Commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Vicar and Churchwardens invite you to a Civic Service of celebration at St Michael and All Angels Church Lambourn at 12.00pm on Sunday 5 June



DIOCESAN TEN-YEAR STRATEGY A ten-year mission Strategy for the Diocese is currently being developed. Bishop Philip's presentation is available at <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/meeting-about-our-ten-year-strategy>

World Hunger Day 2022 28th May

World Hunger Day was founded by The Hunger Project in 2011 to call attention to the global food crisis. On May 28 each year, we join together as global citizens to highlight sustainable solutions to world hunger and declare our own role in making a hunger-free planet our reality –

- Support a charity that looks to feeding the hungry e.g. Mary's Meals.
- Support a charity that helps third world farmers reap the rewards for their work e.g. Fair Trade.
- Support the hungry closer to home. Don't forget to add something to the local foodbank each time you visit your supermarket.

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**

Baptisms—Firstly, speak to Fr.David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

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