

Mass Times 24th - 31st January 2026

Sat 24th 10am *Sonia Matthews Ints.*

Sat 24th 6pm *Elaine Kealy's Ints.*

Sun 25th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 25th 11am *Jim Walsh R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 26th to Friday 3th inclusive **NO MASS**

Sat 31st 10am **NO MASS**

Sat 31st 6pm *Barbara Vaughan R.I.P.*

Weekday Masses and Confessions available at East Hendred.

Prayers please for Canon Peter who is ill in Hospital



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Flanagan, Aileen Dunne, Margaret McKenna, Roger Morgan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Paul Gherisi, Judith Kershaw, Joyce Clarke, Tim Fitzgerald, Maria McNiven, Noel Monahan, Basil England, Brynley Morris, Mark Barrett, Igor Chadzyski, Rose Hill, Maurice Rawlings, Therese Neale, Peter Badger, Emmie Cooke, Maisie Lovell, Patrick Kavanagh Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, 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 :

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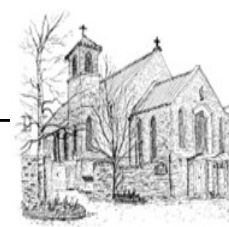
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Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th January 2026



Job Vacancy

It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for every human being they meet might be a better answer. We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical salesperson.

Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January- For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass



There is a lovely old adage that says - Before Mass, talk to God and after Mass talk to your neighbour. While we all like to chat and catch up, before Mass is a time for God, a time to recollect ourselves and to prepare to celebrate devoutly. Quietness also helps others to prepare.

So please be considerate and keep our conversations for after Mass.

Re register - the diocese has appointed a new company to manage our parish databases from the end of January. There will be a QR code available for parishioners to re register, or paper copies for those who are unable to access QR codes. Further information will follow so that you can register and continue to receive the newsletter and other parish information .

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney
Postponed until February**

**Scripture Study
An in-depth look
at the weekend's Readings.
Postponed till February.**

Look after your neighbour - As the temperatures plummet, give a second thought to an elderly neighbour. An offer to do some shopping may be greatly appreciated. Check that they have a safe hot water bottle (hot water bottles only last around 3 years before the rubber starts to perish), or just a friendly visit

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office .
Donations to SVP can be made to this account:
Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.



The Second Collection this week is for the Cathedral - Our cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the Diocese of Portsmouth. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. I fully appreciate the financial pressures we are all experiencing, but I would appeal to you to support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 25 January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us. Thank you. Donation can be made in the basket at the back of Church or on the card machine.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - a huge thank you to all who attended the service here last Wednesday and to Tom, William and Mary for providing inspiring and uplifting music. The final service will be at St. John's Church in Grove on Sunday (25th) at 4pm.

St. Amand's Catholic Primary School - annual Celebration Fundraiser at the historic Hendred House on 6th February. Tickets are £35pp and include food, welcome drink, raffle, auction, cash bar and a Heads or Tails game. To get your Celebration Fundraiser tickets or be come a Benefactor complete this form. We are also now registered for Easy Fundraising. Do your normal online shopping, and every time you shop, a donation is made to the Friends of St. Amand's. Get fundraising for FREE and visit this link to register.

Reduced Office Hours: Due to unforeseen circumstances the office will only be open between 8:30-9:30am each day. Emails will be monitored but please be patient when needing a reply. Telephones will not be monitored. In an emergency contact one of the Priests below.

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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