

Mass Times 15th - 22nd February 2025

Sat 15th 10am

Sat 15th 6pm *Valerie Burholt R.I.P.*

Sun 16th 9am *Michael Vickers R.I.P.*

Sun 16th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

Mon 17th 10am

Tues 18th 10am

Tues 18th 2pm Requiem Mass Isabel Smith R.I.P.

Weds 19th 10am

Weds 19th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 20th 10am

Fri 21st 10am

Sat 22nd 10am

Sat 22nd 6pm *Pro Populo*

Confessions on Saturdays 10:30—11am at St. John Vianney. Or by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Isabel Smith, Paul Gherzi, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Terence Murrell, Bob Dore, Michael Carroll, Christopher Nevin, Edward O'Neil, Violet Aitken, Fiorenza Innes, Sylvia Ody, Cynthia McDonald, Philip Ciampoli, Anna Heffernan, Daniel Cumberbirch, Grace O'Connor, Stephen King, Daniel Rafferty, Mary McNamee, John Hogan, Gillian Dawes, Mary Homer, Alice Hales, Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Dagmar Couchman, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Dot Armstrong, 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 .

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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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Year C 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th February 2025



The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality

"Woe to those who are rich." "Woe to those with plenty to eat." "Woe to those who laugh." "Woe to those who are honoured." Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well-earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard

day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable. "Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep." Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our "I'm all right Jack" mentality and do something about the "woes" in other people's lives.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For February - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass.

CAFOD invite you to a meeting on Saturday 22nd February from 10:30am to 1pm at Christ the King Church Hall Reading RG2 8NR. Please join them to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome but please book your place so that they have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo: jlewry@cafod.org.uk

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular Intention, please contact the parish office. Mass Intentions can be for the deceased but a Mass can be offered for any good intention e.g. in thanksgiving for some happy event or for someone who is sick. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? It is traditional, though not obligatory, to make an offering (a Mass stipend) to the priest who celebrates the Mass. Mass stipends make up part of a priest's annual income.



"Search for Meaning". Weekend Conference at Boars Hill Carmelite Priory, Oxford 9-11 May 2025: Open to all; Full Residential, Daily Attendance, or Online Optional Bookings. This Conference is inspired by the life and work of Edith Stein (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross OCD), with a Team of Speakers. For information, registration, etc., see www.carmelite.uk.net/oxford-priory

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney
Wednesday Evening 7– 8pm**

Scripture Study
Tuesdays 7-7:30pm
on Zoom

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 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



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The next defibrillator training session will be in Lambourn on Saturday 22nd February starting at 10:30 in the hall.

Thank you to all who support the parish through planned giving and online donations. If you are a UK taxpayer and you register for Gift Aid, the government gives the parish an extra 25% on top of what you have given, at no extra cost to you. There are Gift Aid declaration forms available in the porch if you would like to sign up.

World Day of Prayer - 7th March. Dating back to the 19th century WDP is "a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action". This year the theme is "I have made you wonderful" and has been prepared by women in the Cook Islands. Our services will be held at **St. John Vianney at 2pm** with refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Sacred Heart Lambourn at 3pm followed by refreshments.

Flame - the UK's largest Catholic Youth Conference. This year Flame will be held on Saturday 15th March at the OVO Arena Wembley. Guest speakers include Bear Grylls, and Adenike Adewale of Voice 2021 fame. For more information and booking, visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/flame-2025/>

Safeguarding Notice - Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the toilets at Church. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Office Hours - Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm. Thursday and Friday 11am to 2:30pm. 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 07427181090

Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn 01488 71580

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

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