

ST. JOHN VIANNEY WANTAGE
SACRED HEART LAMBOURN

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BEING ACCOUNTABLE

If we are honest none of us relish the idea of judgment or accountability. Perhaps we have this uncomfortable feeling that we are not really doing all we could or all we should. The even more frightening realisation is that if we suspect we are not doing all we could .... we probably aren't! On the Day of Judgment humankind will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you .... I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

The criteria for final judgement is crystal clear, we will be simply judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities. It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond?

We fail to respond to need, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered.

Today's gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough, if we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives.

Mass Intentions 21st -29th November

Sat 21st 10am *Dec'd.mems.of the Izeki & Lokytimu fams. RIP*
Sat 21st 6pm *Tom & Mary O'Connor RIP*
Sun 22nd 9am *Dorothy Reece RIP*
Sun 22nd 11 am (Lambourn) *Pro Pop*
Mon 23rd 10am *Dec'd.members of the Lazarus Family RIP*
Tues 24th 10am *Holy Souls*
Weds 25th 10am *Brian Charles Harris RIP*
Weds 25th 12 noon (Lambourn) *Michael Tynan RIP*
Thurs 26th 10am *In Thanksgiving*
Fri 27th 10am *Ted Legassick RIP*
Sat 28th 10am Sir Frank Williams RIP
Sat 28th 6pm *Ela Ozbayraktar RIP*
Sun 29th 9am *Pro Pop*
Sun 29th 11am (Lambourn) *Dermot Ffrench RIP*

Adult Registration **Child Registration**

REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER USING THE QR CODES ABOVE

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

In your Prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially, Frank Williams and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Pam Robinson

Scripture Study
Tuesday
7 - 7:30pm

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

Dates for your Diary -

Wednesday 2nd December - Lord Mayor's Carol Service will take place at 6pm, at St.Peter &St. Paul (Wantage Parish Church)
Thursday 3rd December - Pastoral Area Penitential Service Time TBC
Sunday 6th December Phoenix Brass Band Concert will be held in Walwyn Hall, Lambourn. Marion and Anne Strickland are looking for donations of food mince pies etc. Also raffle prizes. Please contact them if you are able to help.
Sunday 13th December - Tea & Coffee after Mass at Lambourn
Suday 13th December - Carol Service 5pm followed by refreshments in the Hall.
Sunday 20th December -Tea & Coffee after Mass at Lambourn

Choir Dates
Sunday 22nd November after 9am Mass
Sunday 29th November after 9am Mass
Sunday 20th December after 9am Mass



Christmas Cards are now on sale in the Repository.

Sunday 22nd November
A videographer will be in attendace and will film Mass, choir practice and teas and coffees.

Red Boxes!
Do you support the work of **Missio** with a 'red box' at home? Red Box collections take place during the month of November. Please leave your red box a the back of church. If you would like a red box and do not have one, please see Anne Hodgson.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November



Pope Leo's prayer intention for November is for the proper use of wealth. The Pope recalled that Jesus reminds us "that true wealth is not found in what we keep, but in what we give with love."
"You can find out more at https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-11/pope-november-prayer-intention-for-the-proper-use-of-wealth.html

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 5:00m on Thursday.

Sacred Heart/Walwyn Hall Coffee Mornings
A very big thank you to the parishioners who attend the coffee mornings at Walwyn Hall. Your voluntary contributions amounted to £180 and raffle £150. We were able to give Father David £330 to pass on to Tessa for Little People. We are so grateful also to the ladies who do coffee and make cakes on a rota basis.
Please note we will be drawing the raffle on Sunday 13th December which is our next coffee morning. Jen and Marion will be doing a Christmas type buffet instead of cake and biscuits. Look forward to seeing you.

Five Steps to prepare for a Holy Advent
We are often so busy thinking about Christmas that we forget about Advent, the season that prepares us for Christmas.
1 Ask God to help you draw near to Him.
2 Begin to practice silence. Cardinal Robert Sarah says 'The wisdom of God has generated in every person a great love that nourishes the little silence of the human heart.' We need to be still sometimes to draw closer to God.
3 Make an Advent wreath, or bake seasonal biscuits or cakes, to mark the season!
4 Don't worry about the many small things that really don't matter.
5 Prepare to make a good confession. The Church calls us to repentence during Advent. An examination of our conscience is a good way to begin the new liturgical year.



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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

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 :
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Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338