

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 22nd February
6pm *Kathleen Green R.I.P.*

Sunday 23rd February

9.00 am *People of the Parish*
11.00 am (At Lambourn)

Monday 24th February
No Mass

Tuesday 25th February
10am

Wednesday 26th February
Ash Wednesday
7am
10am *Zachary Dawson Baptism Anniv.*
7pm *Lambourn*

Thursday 27th February
St. Gregory of Narek Memorial
10am (At Lambourn)

Friday 28th February
10am *Dorothy and Tony Phelan's Ints.*
Rosary after Mass

Saturday 29th February
10am
10:30-11am *Adoration*
11am– 11.30am *Confession*
5.15 - 5.45pm *Confession by request*

Saturday Vigil 29th February
6pm *Tania Tompkins R.I.P.*

Sunday 1st March
First Sunday in Lent
9am *Deceased Members Moran Family*
11am (Lambourn)

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 : Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel 01235 835038
Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

Parish Office Opening Times :- Tuesday and Friday 10:30 to 1pm, Thursday 9:30 to 11:30.

The Parish Office is closed all day Monday. Your Parish Administrator, Sharon Dawson, can be contacted on Tel: 01235 762374 or email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

*Please remember to switch off your mobile phone before Mass
God deserves all our attention Thank you.*

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St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn

North Downs Pastoral Area



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23rd February 2020 7th Sunday Ordinary Time —Year A

Divine Office Week 3

Friend or Foe?



What strange advice! "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." "If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile...." "If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too." Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us?

It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence. If we only love those who love us back we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ.

In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. Jesus isn't suggesting we roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us, nor is he suggesting we turn a blind eye. What he is suggesting is that we always make a stand for justice in the spirit of love and not aggression. There are a million and one little things we can do each and every day to help tackle the causes of poverty, prejudice and oppression. The world has never been more ready.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869



In your prayers, please remember all who have recently died. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Pete Gray, Kathleen Roberts, Sybil Murphy, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Cathy Longworth, Mary Derbyshire, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher

Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list .

Holy Father's Intentions for February 2020—Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Volunteers Needed - We are in need of more readers, special ministers for Sunday Masses. We also need more leaders and helpers for children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings. If you feel you can offer yourself for any of these ministries, please speak to Fr. David.

Awareness and guidance for European citizens who have made their homes here and wish to remain.

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities. See letter on notice board at the back of Church.

Our Seminarian to keep in your prayers this month is Ambrose Chou who is in his second year at St Mary's College Oscott. You can read Ambrose's testimony at: <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/praying-for-our-seminarians-ambrose-chou>

200 Club—if you would like to support the parish in this way, contact Jacky Mattam at jackymattam@btinternet.com. Tickets are only £2 per month to win prizes of £30 or £15.

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 phone 07842271596 or ask one of our members.

Programme of Services and Devotions for Lent:

Stations of the Cross: Tuesdays and Thursdays after 10am Mass
Wednesday evenings 7pm at Wantage

Lent Soup Lunches: Every Friday during Lent 12:30 in the parish hall

Exposition and Benediction: Sunday evenings 8th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th April
6 – 7pm at St. John Vianney

Bible Study: Every Wednesday in Lent 7:30 – 8:30pm in the parish hall

Day of Reparation Sunday 1st March 3pm at St. John Vianney

Day of Reparation at St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth – 1st March 8am – 5pm

Please see notices at the back of Church.

Rite of Enrolment—29th February at St. John's Cathedral
Please pray for Harshika Subraminam who will attend the Rite and be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

'Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.'



World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March at 7.30pm in St. John Vianney.
The service is written by the women of Zimbabwe.
There will be tea, coffee and cakes afterwards in the hall.

CAFOD Lent family fast day Friday 6th March

This Lent CAFOD's family fast day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Please consider eating a simple meal and put what you save in the CAFOD collection envelope.

Red Boxes—please return your boxes to Church during the month of March.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral—7th April. Coach leaving from English Martyrs Didcot at 8:15, return around 3pm. Contact didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01235 812338 if you would like to book transport.

Choir practices will be held on every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm in Church. New members are welcome. No previous experience needed and you do not need to be able to read music— just come along and join in.