

Mass Times 23rd - 30th November 2024

Sat 23rd 10am *Cathy Child R.I.P.*

Sat 23rd 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 24th 9am *Bridget and Joe Boyce R.I.P.*

Sun 24th 11am *William Preece (Lambourn)*

Mon 25th 10am **NO MASS**

Tues 26th 10am *Catherine Hickey R.I.P.*

Weds 27th 10am

Weds 27th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 28th 10am

Fri 29th 10am

Sat 30th 10am

Sat 30th 6pm *Carmel Norton R.I.P.*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Marie Moss, Margery Hanson and Kathleen Popkiss, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Reginald Todd, Barrington Vaughan, Mark Tobin, Kathleen Leeson, Joan Uridge, Francis Williams, Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Susanna McFeely, Dick Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, Robina Ryder, Robina Johnstone, Julie Moynihan, Margaret McGivern, Teresa Bowler, Mabel Capell. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, 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 .

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

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

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Making A Stand



We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions.

We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different. We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves.

Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For November. For anyone who has lost a child
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

One Week To Go - before the vote on assisted suicide. It's not too late to write to your MP. There are still letters available in the porch which you just have to sign and post, or if you visit the website of the Anscombe Centre, they have lots of information on reasons to oppose the change in law, as well as evidence of how the law is incrementally relaxed in countries where assisted suicide has been legalised. [Anscombe Centre Publishes Resource Guide on 'Assisted Dying' \(Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide\)](#) | [Anscombe Bioethics](#)

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Candles and other items are available for sale in the Repository cupboard and glass cabinet.
Remember to keep Christ in Christmas—buy and sell religious Christmas cards

First Holy Communion

If your child is age 7 years and you would like them to join the group which will start in January, please see Fr. David after Mass or email the parish office.

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

Scripture Study Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

Mission Red Box Holders - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during November. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - we are collecting this year for Stirlings Care Home. We can take medium sized containers (225ml) of body wash, shampoo, body lotion, as well as soap and hand cream, to make up into Christmas gift bags. We can't take sachets—the items above are easier for residents to open and use. Donations placed in the box marked SVP in the porch will be much appreciated.



Office Hours -Tuesday 11-1:30 Thursday & Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

November, the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. We pray for all of the deceased and to have Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed.



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

Advent Penitential Service - Thursday 12th December, 7pm at English Martyrs Church, Manor Crescent Didcot OX11 7AJ

Children's Christmas Party

St. John Vianney Church Saturday 14th December 2-4pm.
Come along to decorate the crib and Christmas trees and join in other activities.
Please email the parish office so that we have a rough idea of numbers.

Carol Service at St. John Vianney Sunday 15th December 5pm. Refreshments in the hall after the concert.

Phoenix Brass Band Concert Walwyn Hall Lambourn Sunday 15th December 2:30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments.
Contact Anne Strickland on 01488 71580 for tickets.
Raffle prizes and sausage rolls required, contact Marion.

CAFOD World gifts - CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Pick up a catalogue in the porch on go online at www.cafod.org.uk



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

Other Priests in the area :

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