

Mass Times 8th - 15th November 2025

Sat 8th 10am *Tom Gaffney R.I.P.*

Sat 8th 6pm *Lilian and Elmer Talbot R.I.P.*

Sun 9th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 9th 11am *John Walsh (Lambourn)*

Mon 10th 10am *Stephen Hickey R.I.P.*

Tues 11th 10am **NO MASS**

Weds 12th 10am *Richard Cole R.I.P.*

Weds 12th 12 Noon *Mary Keane R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Weds 12th 7pm Holy Hour Adoration and Benediction

Thurs 13th 10am *James and Eva O'Connor R.I.P.*

Fri 14th 10am *Fr. Robin Sanders R.I.P.*

Sat 15th 10am *Muriel Moran R.I.P.*

Sat 15th 6pm *Chris Read R.I.P.*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Roger Morgan, Meriel Afia, Jinnie Brown, John Neale, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Wendy Payne, Reg Todd, Barrington Vaughan, Marle Tobin, Frank Williams, Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Richard Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Ela Ozbayraktar, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, FR. Robin Sanders, Francis Michael Connolly. 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 :

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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9th November 2025



Hearts and Buildings

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!"

Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us? Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst. Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for November - For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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



A Huge Thank You to Tom and Rachel Cobb for organising the Night of Light last Friday evening, a really successful evening of activities, music, food and prayer. Thank you to all who helped and to the young people who came along to help with the activities.

Right to Life - We pray for fathers and mothers of growing families, that their relations, friends and the wider community would rally around them with encouragement, support, friendliness and love. Lord hear us".

Confirmation Classes - this year, we will be joining with St. Mary's East Hendred for Confirmation preparation which begins on Sunday 9th November. If you haven't already signed up, please contact the parish office for enrolment details.



Little People

We would be very grateful for children's clothes, boys age 6-7 and girls age 3-4.

If you can help, donations can be left in the food bank box in the porch.

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

Scripture Study
An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings
Tuesdays 7-7:30pm.
On Zoom using same link as for Mass.

Singers Needed - If you would like to join the choir to prepare for Christmas Masses, practices will be held at 7:30pm on Friday evenings in the hall. Just come along and join in.

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.



November is the month dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed. (*YouCat 160*)

Blessing of Graves - Fr. David will bless the graves at Chain Hill Cemetery on Sunday 16th November at 2pm.

Training Day for Ministers of Holy Communion - Cancelled due to lack of numbers.



Quiz and Puddings Night

Friday 14th November at 7pm.

Entry and Raffle Tickets will be on sale this weekend.

Offers of puddings and raffle prizes greatly appreciated.
Proceeds will go to SVP.

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



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 ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn
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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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