

Mass Times 26th February - 4th March

Sat 25th 10am *Zachary Dawson's Ints.*
Sat 25th 6pm *Kathleen Green R.I.P.*
Sun 26th 9am *Sr. Catherine Wyburne R.I.P.*
Sun 26th 11am *(at Lambourn)*
Mon 27th No Mass
Tues 28th 10am *Bob Dore R.I.P.*
Weds 1st March 10am *Jorgen—in thanksgiving*
Weds 1st 7pm Adoration
Thurs 2nd 10am *Judith Kershaw R.I.P.*
Fri 3rd 9am
Sat 4th 10am
Sat 4th 6pm *Tania Tompkins R.I.P.*

Cold and flu -

If you feel unwell or are displaying symptoms please test for covid before coming to Mass so that we can protect the vulnerable. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS:

**SATURDAYS
10:30 to 11am
or by appointment**

All Masses at St. John Vianney are on Zoom. Masses at Sacred Heart Lambourn are not available on Zoom.

Masses on Sunday at 11am and Wednesday at Noon are at Sacred Heart Lambourn



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Bob Dore, Cath Walwyn, Ros Eltham, Judith Kershaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Lady Violet Aitken, Fiorenza Innes, Joe Emery, Sylvia Ody, Cynthia McDonald, Philip Ciampoli, Anna Heffernan, Daniel Cumberbirch, Edith Williams, Margaret O'Connor.

Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Kathy Child, Dot Armstrong, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, 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 A 1st Sunday in Lent 26th February 2023



The Devil's Attention

If we imagine that temptation never seems to come our way, could it be that we're not worth the devil's attention? We tend to think of temptation as something that will lead us into a life of crime or immorality, but temptation is simply anything that threatens to take us away from God. If temptation never seems to come our way, perhaps it's because we are not trying to be close to God in the first place. Many of us fail to recognise temptation, and the reason we fail is because we don't really know who we are or what we're about. It's surprising that we can get so far on in years without being about to answer simple questions like "What are you doing for God?" "How would you like to be remembered?" The reason we struggle with questions like these is because as human beings we are governed hugely by self interest. Self interest is essential for survival and it's in all of us, but as Christians we have to put self interest on a back burner and put in the time and effort into defining who we really would like to be. Once we have achieved this, then the devil's temptations are suddenly crystal clear. After all, we can't be tempted away from our path in life if we've no idea what our path in life is. If we have no plan, we are hardly worth the devil's attention. When we choose to give up something this Lent, perhaps it should be something that reflects the path we have chosen and the temptation we are trying to transcend. If we decide to give up red wine for instance, with the intention of dropping a couple of dress sizes, God won't be hugely impressed and the devil won't be remotely interested. If we give up wine because we have identified that it is stopping us from doing some important work of God's making, our Lenten journey will take on a life changing significance. Jesus gives us an important clue; "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" When we make our daily choices ask, "Is this about me.... or is it about God?"

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February - For parishes We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Marriage Prep Course - Thank you to those who offered to help with the marriage course. **Please could you email Fr. David to confirm that you would like to go ahead.**

The Liturgy Project - a new Diocesan website dedicated to liturgical formation. Lots of information on the Mass, including homily and liturgy notes, and a useful Q&A section. <https://www.theliturgyproject.com/>

Bishop Philip invites you to three Lenten Reflections at 7.30pm on Thursdays 2nd, 9th and 16th March. Information at <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/from-the-bishop-three-lenten-reflections>

Free Online Lenten Retreat run by the Carmelites at Boars Hill on Thursday evenings during Lent. *A Time of Grace and Prayer*. More information and to register - <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/lenten-retreat-2023/>



Hello, I'm back! You may remember me from lockdown and how Fr. D left me in France languishing in jail for a crime I didn't commit. Well I'm hitching a ride back with the Lenten rowers and will keep an eye on the progress. So don't worry I'll make sure they do the miles. I'm not worried about Matt but Fr. D is already moaning about his Achilles. He is getting old as I told him. Of course he won't listen! And of course he loves the attention!

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. You can make contact through the parish office or on this number 07842271596. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.

Scripture Study - Tuesday evenings at 7pm on Zoom.

Refreshments after 9am Mass every Sunday

Little People - Donations of food and clothing can be left in the Church porch clearly marked "Little People". Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

St. John Vianney Food Bank - Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the box marked "Food Bank" in the Church porch.

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

Soup lunch Fridays during Lent - Beginning on Friday 3rd March at 12:30. Thank you to all who have volunteered to make soup. Please come along. Donations will go to CAFOD

St David's Day 1st March 2023 - David's most well-known saying was, 'Do the little things in life.' It's easy to think that only the big things count. If everyone did little acts of kindness every day we would leave the world a better place.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March 7:30pm at St. John Vianney or 3pm at Sacred Heart Lambourn. Refreshments after the service at Lambourn. From its inception in 19th century USA as an organisation for women to get involved with missionary activity at home and abroad, World Day of Prayer is now a worldwide ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action.



Family Fast Day is on Friday 3rd March. Please take an envelope home and return it next weekend, or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Saturday 11th March - Bishop Philip will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at St. John Vianney. Please join the Bishop for light refreshments in the hall after Mass.

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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 is our contact for all adult and child safeguarding issues. Please contact Barbara through the parish office.

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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