

## Mass Times 4th - 11th March

Sat 4th 10am *Private Intention*  
Sat 4th 6pm *Tania Tompkins R.I.P.*  
Sun 5th 9am *Sybill Murphy R.I.P.*  
Sun 5th 11am (at Lambourn) *Pro Populo*  
Mon 6th No Mass  
Tues 7th 10am *Felicity & Perpetua Prior's Ints.*  
Weds 8th 10am *Elmer & Lilian Talbot R.I.P.*  
Weds 8th 12 Noon  
Weds 8th 7pm Adoration  
Thurs 9th 10am  
Fri 10th 10am  
Sat 11th 10am  
Sat 11th 6pm *Tommy Hurley 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



# St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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## Year A 2nd Sunday in Lent 5th March 2023

### Believing Jesus is the Son of God



Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps, they say, he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

**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 - Richard Wells, Syb Murphy, Patrick Bergin, Harry Whitworth, Romero Urcelay, Kath Roberts, Isolina Durrant, Judy House, Diana Wasborough, Tania Tompkins, Alphonsus Hill, Mary Johnson, Stella Gardiner, Maria Coates. 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.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March** -For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Marriage Prep Course** - . Please could you email Fr. David to confirm that you have offered to help.

**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/>  
This Thursday's talk 9th March Lent ~ A Path of Contemplation – Tom Curran OCD

**The Sponsored Rowing Challenge** - Another week of huffing and puffing has ended. I have never heard so much complaining! My ankle hurts, my legs hurt, are we there yet? Well, my head hurts from all the moaning. The problem is that the two rowers are so unfit. Years of fine dining and lack of exercise has taken its toll. It's like watching two walruses. The good news is that they have both passed the 100 km mark and are making good but slow progress. As it's Lent we, and I mean they, can't indulge in the good food and wine that Fr. D did on his lockdown travels. I wonder if the weight loss will mean a faster finish. We live in hope.



**Bitesize** - "Some things have to be believed to be seen". *Ralph Hodgson, The Skylark and Other Poems*



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

**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.

**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

**Family Fast Day** Please return your envelopes this weekend, or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/>

**Family Lenten Fasting, Fundraising and Giving**

Persuade the family to give up fast foods and junk food for Lent and trade for a good bowl of soup instead. Donate the money you will save online to the Lenten appeals that CAFOD, Sciaf, Trocaire and Christian Aid are all running this Lent.

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

**Bishop Philip invites you to two more Lenten Reflections** at 7.30pm on Thursdays 9th and 16th March. Information at <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/from-the-bishop-three-lenten-reflections>  
This Thursday's reflection will be on the gift of hope and the role it plays in our lives, on what constitutes our true happiness and what God in His loving goodness has promised us in the future.



**Prayer Group -**

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th March at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

**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.

**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  
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