

## Mass Times 12th - 19th August

Sat 12th 10am *Eugene McCaffrey's Ints.*

Sat 12th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 13th 9am *Olga Arnold R.I.P. (F)*

Sun 13th 11am *Margaret Tynan R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 14th 10am

Mon 14th 7pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption.

Tues 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity  
10am

12 Noon (Lambourn)

Weds 16th 10am *Heather Gardener R.I.P.*

Weds 16th No Mass at Lambourn

Weds 16th 7pm Holy Hour

Thurs 17th 10am

Fri 18th 10am

Sat 19th 10am

Sat 19th 6pm *Patrick Bergin, Brian Green, Julie Simmons R.I.P.*

### 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.



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### Year A 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th August 2023

#### Rock the Boat



What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely?

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered or initiate a local community project .... a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't have obeyed the call to walk on water, he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially **Valerie Moulton, Ian Smith, Elizabeth Wright, Les Walker, Michael Petterson, Kathy Child, Patricia Senior, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Neil Murphy, Maria Costello, Kathleen Perry, Jim Bryan, Edward Bateman, Jennifer Randall, Robert Carter, Fr. Leo Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Ellen Newton.** Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially **Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, 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 August - For World Youth Day

We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



**Heading off on your holidays?** Visit: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

A really useful website providing Mass times, Church locations, contact information, website links and maps.

Just type in the name of the town/area that you are visiting.

### The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 15th until Thursday 24th August.

If you need to contact Fr. David please use the email address or mobile number printed on the newsletter.

**Important Safeguarding Notice - we are committed to ensuring that all are safeguarded while attending Mass and other activities in our Church. Our main toilet is just inside the Church door and not visible to us during Mass, so please could parents accompany their child if they need to use the facilities.**

### Closer to Christ Campaign

Thank you to those who have supported the campaign and returned pledge forms. If you are still considering how you can help, you could accept a call from one of the team who will be happy to answer any of your questions. Your decision to support the campaign will help to ensure adequate provision for our seminarians, active and retired Priests.

**Please Pray for Vocations** - On August 15th we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary gives us the perfect example of holiness and vocation in her response of "Yes", her "Fiat", that brought heaven to earth. Our aim in life is to also say "Yes" to her beloved Son – and to bear Jesus Christ for the world in whatever vocation we are called to.



**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. Contact us 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.

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### DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023

**May the Holy Spirit guide the clergy and people  
of our Diocese in our mission  
to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church.**



### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy day of Obligation Tuesday 15th August.

On 1st November 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed as Dogma, that which was already universally accepted and celebrated since the earliest centuries of the Church, that the Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul, into Heaven, a privilege granted her as the Mother of Jesus. "Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary, who is free from sin, should be affected by this natural law". (*vaticannews.va*)

### St. Maximilian Kolbe - Feast Day 14th August

When still a child, Raymond Kolbe had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which she offered him a white crown for purity and a red crown for martyrdom. He accepted both, went on to join the Conventual Franciscans and was given the name Maximilian. Founder of the worldwide evangelization movement, *Militia Immaculatae*, and a missionary in Japan in the 1930s, Kolbe faithfully followed the path of Christ's sacrifice "No one has a greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" In 1941, Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and eventually transferred to Auschwitz, where he carried on ministering to fellow prisoners in secret. The prison had a rule that for every escapee, ten other men would be put to death. In July 1941, a man from Kolbe's bunker disappeared. Ten men were chosen to be starved to death. One of those, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was devastated because he had a wife and family. Fr. Kolbe volunteered to take his place. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on 10th October 1982.



### 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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