

## Mass Times 22nd February - 1st March 2025

**Sat 22nd 10am**

**Sat 22nd 6pm** *George and Majda & Family Ints.*

**Sun 23rd 9am** *Krystyna Burczynska R.I.P.*

**Sun 23rd 11am** *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

**Mon 24th 10am**

**Tues 25th 10am** *Sr. Catherine Wybourne R.I.P.*

**Weds 26th 10am** *Zachary Dawson's Int.*

**Weds 26th 12 Noon** *(Lambourn)*

**Thurs 27th 10am**

**Fri 28 10am**

**Sat 1st March 10am**

**Sat 1st 6pm** *Kathleen Green R.I.P.*

**Confessions on Saturdays 10:30—11am at St. John Vianney. Or by appointment**



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Isabel Smith, Paul Gherzi, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Terence Murrell, Bob Dore, Michael Carroll, Christopher Nevin, Edward O'Neil, Violet Aitken, Fiorenza Innes, Sylvia Ody, Cynthia McDonald, Philip Ciampoli, Anna Heffernan, Daniel Cumberbirch, Grace O'Connor, Stephen King, Daniel Rafferty, Mary McNamee, John Hogan, Gillian Dawes, Mary Homer, Alice Hales, Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Dagmar Couchman, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, 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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### Year C 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd February 2025

#### Love Rules



Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.

The six o'clock news fuels our anger. We want to hit back at the terrorists who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us. Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human? But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr

"When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'".

These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil. So how do we make it work? Firstly we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make decisions to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Give and it will be given to you. In short we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not.

If everyone could live their lives by Jesus' teaching conflict and war would be confined to dusty history books.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For February - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**Pray for the recovery of Pope Francis**

We are asked to pray for the recovery of Pope Francis. We ask God, "Have mercy on Pope Francis in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff who are caring for him. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord."

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

**Sound System** - is going to be replaced on 6th March. If you would like to donate towards the cost, the card machine in the porch is fully functioning again.

**World Day of Prayer** - 7th March. Dating back to the 19th century WDP is "a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action". This year the theme is "I have made you wonderful" and has been prepared by women in the Cook Islands.

Our services will be held at **St. John Vianney at 2pm** with refreshments in the hall afterwards.

**Sacred Heart Lambourn at 3pm** followed by refreshments.

**Flame - the UK's largest Catholic Youth Conference.** This year Flame will be held on Saturday 15th March at the OVO Arena Wembley. Guest speakers include Bear Grylls, and Adenike Adewale of Voice 2021 fame. For more information and booking, visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/flame-2025/>

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

**Scripture Study**  
Tuesdays 7-7:30pm  
on Zoom

**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.



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**Congratulations** to the family of Ethan Bower who celebrated his Baptism here last Saturday, 15th February. Our best wishes and prayers go to his family on this very special occasion.

**Lent Soup Lunches** - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 5th March. We are hoping to start soup lunches on Friday 7th March. If you would like to make soup, please sign up on the form in the porch. All are welcome to come along. Donations—recipients to be decided.

**Wantage Community Hospital** - Public meeting Thursday 27th Feb 6-7:30pm at the Silver Band Hall, to hear about plans for the hospital. See poster in the porch.

**Book Swap** - There are a number of books available on the bottom shelf of the bookcase in the porch. Please feel free to borrow and take one home to read.

**Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Rome** - Departing on 28th July – 4th August (7 Nights) Total Price: £1,350. See poster in the porch.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 7th – 11th July 2025. See poster in the porch.

**Safeguarding Notice** - Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the toilets at Church. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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 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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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