

## Mass Times 1st - 8th February 2025

**Sat 1st 10am** *Barbara Vaughan R.I.P.*

**Sat 1st 6pm** *Jack, Josie and Michael Kneafsey R.I.P.*

**Sun 2nd 9am** *Michael O'Connor R.I.P.*

**Sun 2nd 11am** *Jim Walsh R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

**Mon 3rd 10am** *Norman Green R.I.P.*

**Tues 4th 10am** *Pro Populo*

**Weds 5th 10am**

**Weds 5th 12 Noon** *No Mass (Lambourn)*

**Thurs 6th 10am**

**Fri 7th 10am**

**Sat 8th 10am** *Mary Hewlett's Ints.*

**Sat 8th 6pm** *Liz Jarman's Ints.*

**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 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 Presentation of The Lord 2nd February 2025

#### Clarity



If you were told you were going to die tomorrow, would you be ready to go? Young and old alike, the answer to this question is probably "No!" Being ready to leave this world demands tremendous clarity, and whilst some of us have achieved clarity in our lives, the rest stumble around confused and overly burdened. We go through the motions of living but all too easily we are living out a 'ground-hog-day' existence... running on the spot and repeating the same old mistakes, What we need is someone to tell us where we are going wrong, and gently put us on the right track. In short, what we need is someone to light our way.

In today's gospel reading, Mary and Joseph present the Baby Jesus at the temple as Jewish law required. Here they meet the elderly Simeon and Anna. Simeon and Anna have been waiting for the promise written in scripture that a Saviour would come to light the world and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Despite their great age, Simeon and Anna were living and praying in hope that they would see the fulfilment of God's promise. When Simeon sees the Baby Jesus and recognises him as the Messiah he is ready to die in peace because the fulfilment of scripture was his own personal fulfilment too.

So what are we waiting for in our lives today? Are we able to recognise Jesus and the opportunities he gives us as Simeon did, or are we too busy running round like headless chickens looking for happiness and re-assurances in all the wrong places? How are we waiting? Are we waiting like the proverbial rabbit mesmerised by the fast approaching headlights, or are we waiting in constant preparation?

The time has come to stop flitting from one ambition to another and from one hollow goal to the next. The time has come to look for a genuinely important goal of God's floodlit making.

**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.

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

**First Holy Communion** - Classes will begin on Saturday 1st February at 11:30am in St. John Vianney Church.

**St. Amand's School** - The School Governors are looking for someone with an accounting background/experience of auditing basic accounts, who can spare an hour or two to do a basic audit of our School PTA's accounts and the School Building Fund account. This shouldn't take more than a few hours and the school would be very grateful for anyone who is willing to offer their time to help us out.

Please contact Debbie Morton, [office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk) or 01235833342 in the school office if you feel can you help.

**Right to Life** - "As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, let us pray for all new parents and pregnant mothers. During this transitional time, amidst the challenges, may they too see the light their child brings and find the support they need in our community". Lord hear us...

**Douai Abbey Workshops and Reflection Days** - For the full programme of events and booking information, please see the poster on the noticeboard.

#### Scripture Study

Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

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

**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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**First Saturday Devotions** will begin with The Holy Rosary at 9:30am in St. John Vianney.

For more information on First Saturday Devotions visit [A Short Explanation of the Five First Saturdays | The Fatima Center](#)

#### **St Blaise Feast Day 3rd February - The Blessing of Throats.**

For many decades Catholics sought this annual 'St. Blaise blessing' for their throats. "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."



**We pray for our pastoral area team** and the work that they are doing behind the scenes to sustain and revitalise our parishes.

#### **You Will Be My Witnesses Prayer**

O Lord, graciously look down upon us your servants and upon our work to build Your Holy Church here in this place.

Enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth as we seek to do Your will.  
Abundantly bless our labours, that Your Holy Church may serve You ever more faithfully to the glory of Your Holy name.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**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)

#### **Other Priests in the area :**

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