

Mass Times 2nd - 9th November 2024

Sat 2nd 10am All Souls Feast Day *Dec'd Members of Green & Bergin Families and Friends R.I.P.*

Sat 2nd 6pm *Tudor Morgan BEM R.I.P.*

Sun 3rd 9am *Bridget and Joe Boyce R.I.P.*

Sun 3rd 11am *Robert Grimmont R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 4th 10am *Lilian and Elmer Talbot R.I.P.*

Tues 5th 10am *Mark Green R.I.P.*

Weds 6th 10am *Dick Cole R.I.P.*

Weds 6th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 7th 10am *Dec'd Members of Wantage CWL R.I.P.*

Fri 8th 10am *In Thanksgiving*

Sat 9th 10am

Sat 9th 6pm

Confessions: St. John Vianney Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Margery Hanson and Kathleen Popkiss, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Reginald Todd, Barrington Vaughan, Mark Tobin, Kathleen Leeson, Joan Uridge, Francis Williams, Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Susanna McFeely, Dick Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, Robina Ryder, Robina Johnstone, Julie Moynihan, Margaret McGivern, Teresa Bowler Mabel Capell. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Richard Heron, Marie Moss, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, 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 B 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd November 2024

What is Love?



We all think we know what love is, until we have to put it into words and then realise we've mistaken it for romantic obsession, or dependence, or some kind of selfish need.

So when Jesus tells us "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart..." and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself..." we can be at a bit of a loss as to how we should best respond.

Beginning to understand what love is all about is best understood in the context of a close human relationship ...the love of a partner, child, sibling or parent. Love in this context is about respect, joy, tenderness, kindness, wanting to do things for another person and appreciating the things that person gives back. Love is about aiming to look after other people. Love is about appreciating what people do for us. Love is about not expecting anything in return. Love is about putting ourselves in someone else's shoes.

Establishing a couple of 'love rules' makes it easier to love people we have never met. Have we ever been grateful for a visit when we were sick? Can we translate the gratitude into caring for others when they are sick? Have we ever been unburdened by forgiveness? What can we do for those whose lives have gone wrong and who are crippled by guilt and regret. Have we ever felt lonely or out of our depth? How can we translate those feelings into doing something positive for someone living alone? What does it feel like to be loved? How do we pass those feelings on?

Finally, what does it mean to love God? How do we love God when we cannot see, hear or even imagine him very well! Jesus gives us the answer. We must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Loving God with all our heart means generating feelings that give rise to how we speak and how we act. Loving with all our soul means keeping up a constant dialogue with God. Loving with all our mind means using intellectual processes to decide how best we can impact the world. Loving with all our strength means developing the stamina and resolve to constantly renew our endeavour.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For November. For anyone who has lost a child
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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


The Anscombe Bioethics Centre has published "Assisted Dying" to inform people who are writing to their MP. The guide gives information on how to contact your MP, includes an article on eight reasons why we should not support euthanasia and assisted dying, and also has a guide on the latest evidence from countries where assisted suicide has been legalised. Visit the Anscombe Centre website for more information [Anscombe Centre Publishes Resource Guide on 'Assisted Dying' \(Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide\) | Anscombe Bioethics](#)
On 29th November, MPs will vote on whether to introduce this extreme law. We still have copies of the template letter which you can use to contact your MP and ask him to vote against the bill.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - Following the success of our appeal last Christmas, we are collecting this year for Stirlings Care Home. We can take medium sized containers (225ml) of body wash, shampoo, body lotion, as well as soap and hand cream, to make up into Christmas gift bags. We can't take sachets—the items above are easier for residents to open and use. Donations placed in the box marked SVP in the porch will be much appreciated.



Mission Red Box Holders - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during November. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio.



 **Choir News** - There will be an informal taster session for anyone who would like to join the choir to prepare for carols and Christmas Masses. Please come along to the hall on 8th November from 7pm.

Volunteer keyboard Player Needed for Christmas Masses. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

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

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

The Second Collection this weekend is for Bamenda, our sister diocese in Cameroon. You can read about the work being done in Bamenda at [e-News - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](#)

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. We make a particular effort during this month to pray for all of the deceased and to have Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed.



Chris Boxall would like to thank the parish for supporting his recent marathon to raise funds for CAFOD. The total raised was £304.65 plus gift aid. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Dates For Your Diary

Quiz and Puddings Night at St. John Vianney **Friday 22nd November** 7pm. Ticket £5 to include puddings, teas and coffees. Raffle prizes. Tickets available after Mass.

Children's Christmas Party at St. John Vianney Saturday 14th December 2-4pm. Come along to decorate the crib and Christmas trees and join in other activities.

Carol Service at St. John Vianney Sunday 15th December 5pm.

Phoenix Brass Band Concert Walwyn Hall Lambourn Sunday 15th December 2:30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments. Please contact Anne Strickland on 01488 71580 for tickets.

Office Hours -Tuesday 11-1:30 Thursday & 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 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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