

Mass Times 11th - 18th February

Sat 11th 10am *Private Intention*

Sat 11th 6pm *Hedwig Mangan R.I.P.*

Sun 12th 9am *Dinah Booker R.I.P.*

Sun 12th 11am *(at Lambourn)*

Mon 13th No Mass

Tues 14th 9am *Bridget Burke R.I.P.*

Tues 14th 11am **Requiem Mass for Ros Eltham**

Weds 15th 10am *Francis Gracias R.I.P.*

Weds 15th 12 Noon *(at Lambourn)*

Thurs 16th 10am

Fri 17th 10am *Patrick, Alfred & Mary Antoinette Bergin R.I.P.*

Sat 18th 10am *Private Intention*

Sat 18th 6pm *Ros Eltham 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

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 Cath Walwyn, Ros Eltham, Judith Kershaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Lady Violet Aitken, Fiorenza Innes, Joe Emery, Sylvia Ody, Cynthia McDonald, Philip Ciampoli, Anna Heffernan, Daniel Cumberbirch, Edith Williams, Margaret O'Connor.

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.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year A 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th February 2023



The Heart of the Matter

How often do we hear solicitors wrangling over the law, looking for a loophole to suit their own agenda? Those seeking loopholes seem perfectly happy to ignore the spirit of the law in their quest to win.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written law should be no different. Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts. What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions because it's what is written in our hearts that defines us.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February - For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Donations can also be placed into the basket marked "CAFOD Earthquake Appeal" at the back of Church.

Home Visits - If you are housebound, or you know any parishioners who are unable to get to Mass and would like Fr. David to visit, please call Fr. and leave a message on the office phone 01235 762374 or email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - we are here to help people who are struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Our members meet once a month. We maintain complete confidentiality with all of our clients. If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit or if you would like to join the SVP as a member or as an auxiliary helper, 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.



Online Courses - The Dominican Sisters at Sway have some great online courses coming up. For more information, visit <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

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.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius - Feast Day 14th February

Two brothers known as the "Apostles of the Slavs" because of their tireless work in spreading the Gospel throughout Eastern Europe in the ninth century. Born into a wealthy family in Thessalonica, both brothers renounced the trappings of wealth to become Priests. In 863 they were sent to Moravia where they set about translating the Liturgy and the Gospels into the Slavic language. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named the two brothers as co-patron saints of Europe together with St. Benedict.



Shrove Tuesday 21st February - Please join us in the hall after 10am Mass for tea/coffee and hot cross buns.

Date for your diary - Saturday 11th March—Bishop Philip will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at St. John Vianney. All are welcome to join the Bishop for light refreshments in the hall after Mass.



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

Upcoming Meetings: Parish Council Wednesday 15th February 7pm
Finance Committee Thursday 23rd February 7:30pm
If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns that you would like raised at either of the meetings, contact the parish office by 14th February.

Stamps - Thank you for supporting us with collecting used postage stamps. The Leprosy Mission will no longer be accepting stamps so the collection will cease at the end of February.

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
email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :
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