

## Mass Times 21st - 28th January

Sat 21st 10am *Joseph Brian Prydderch R.I.P.*

Sat 21st 6pm *John C. Reece R.I.P.*

Sun 22nd 9am *Edward Moran R.I.P.*

Sun 22nd 11am

Mon 23rd 10am *Jorgen Lovbakke's Ints.*

Tues 24th 10am *Francis Timothy Mushi R.I.P.*

Weds 25th 10am *Vee Talbot R.I.P.*

Weds 25th 12 Noon

Thurs 26th 10am *Ann Prior's Intentions*

Fri 27th 10am *Judith Kershaw R.I.P.*

Sat 28th 10am *Judith Kershaw R.I.P.*

Sat 28th 6pm *Josephine Vennell 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.**



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Ros Eltham, Judith Kershaw, Fr. Robin Sanders, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Peter Boxall, Denis Buckley, Mary Derbyshire, Beth Monaghan, Michael O'Connor, Jeanne Taylor, Edward Purcell, Colin Kirkham, Marie Pert, Vera Picken, Philip Kent, John McCaffrey, Audrey McCaffrey. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Florence McManus, 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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd January 2023



### Job Vacancy

It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' .... 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for every human being they meet might be a better answer. We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical salesperson. Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January** - For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**CAFOD meeting Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January** 10:30am to 12:30pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT

See how your donations make a difference to the communities that we work with. There will be an update on our work tackling climate change in Bangladesh - our focus story for Lent fast day . Please contact Jo Lewry for more details and to book your place by emailing [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or call 07710 094447

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - 18th to 25th January. Please see the poster in the porch for a list of the churches taking part in our area. All of the meetings are on Zoom at 8pm each day and the link and QR code are on the poster and link on our website. We host this evening 20th Jan.

**Refreshments after 9am Sunday Mass** - Please join us in the hall, all are welcome.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Parish Council Wednesday 15th February

Finance Committee Thursday 23rd February.

If you have any concerns that you would like raised at either of the meetings, contact the parish office by 14th February.

**Holy Hour of Prayer  
and  
Eucharistic Adoration  
at St. John Vianney**

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm



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

**St. John Vianney Food Bank** - Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the box marked "Food Bank" in the Church porch.

**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.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596 Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074

**The Second Collection this weekend is for the Cathedral**— please give generously as this is the only support that our cathedral receives from the wider diocese. Donations can be placed in the basket marked "Cathedral" or by BACS using "Cathedral" as the reference.

**The Conversion of Saint Paul Feast Day - 25th January**

When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how he can change anything. For each of us there is a job to do. For God, nothing is impossible.



**Urgent Request**—The Anscombe Bioethics Centre urges us to take part in a short survey on Assisted Suicide. There is still time to respond but we must send in our response by this **Friday, 20th January**. Click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser. The survey consists of 6 questions and only takes a few minutes to complete.  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/M66AML/>

**The Art of Accompaniment** - Ananias Training helps develop an understanding of the spiritual journey and how generous listening, with greater awareness of another person's unique journey, can open people to growth.

A new series (Zoom) on Ananias Training will begin on Monday 13th March 7-9pm. For more information or to reserve a place contact [lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
Other Priests in the area :  
Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038  
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