

Mass Times 16th - 23rd August 2025

Sat 16th 10am *Heather Gardener R.I.P.*

Sat 16th 6pm *William & Rose Hayter R.I.P.*

Sun 17th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 17th 11am *Nicola Grehan R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 18th 10am *Maureen & John Logan R.I.P.*

Tues 19th 10am *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

Weds 20th 10am *Geraldine (Kitty) Beegan R.I.P.*

Weds 20th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 21st 10am *Eileen Vann R.I.P. (F)*

Fri 22nd 10am *Miss Caspers R.I.P. (F)*

Sat 23rd 10am *Margaret Monahan R.I.P.*

Sat 23rd 6pm *Pro Populo*

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Dawn O'Neil, Mark Marlesford, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Valerie Moulton, Margaret Monahan, Thomas Carney, Neil Murphy, Margaret Tynan, Tom Turley, Maria Costello, Kathleen Perry, James Bryan, Edward Bateman, Jennifer Randall (Nee Murphy), Robert Carter, Lionel Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Rosina Shields, Ellen Newton, Maureen Bailey (Nee Picken), William Rivers, Bill Sole, Josephine Kneafsey. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Meriel Afia, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, 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

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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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Keeping the Fire Kindled

If Jesus came back today and joined one of our parishes how would he behave? Could we imagine him on the parish council raising funds for the roof and organising the reader's rotas? Could we see him arranging the flowers, printing the Sunday bulletins or driving the church mini bus? Everything we do for the church is important, but on a scale of one to ten, we are probably not reaching our full potential as Christians... not by a very long chalk? Christianity has become all too comfortable. We've inherited our Catholic culture from our parents and our grandparents and it comes packaged in nostalgia and sentiment. We tend to visualise Jesus the way he was depicted in our first childhood bibles, and think of him as permanently gentle meek and mild. The uncomfortable truth is that if Jesus joined one of our parishes today he would probably not be doing any of the things we consider important. It's likely he would shake everything up big time. He would be hounding governments, visiting prisons, stirring up church leaders and working in the soup kitchens.

Could it be that as Christians we have become complacent and comfortable? Today we are reminded that Christianity is not about hymn practice on a Saturday night or hot pot suppers. Christianity is about real life and death issues. Christianity is about putting our neck on the line in the interests of justice and liberation.

There is nothing wrong with hymn practice or hot pot suppers. Every job we do to help others is important no matter how small, but Jesus had a burning desire to change the world in the face of great opposition, and it's our job to keep the fire alive.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for August - For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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.

**Please keep all our Seminarians who are in formation in your prayers.**

'We pray that as you continue to discern the Lord's call in seminary, be assured of our prayers for your formation. May you grow in virtue, understanding, and holiness as you prepare to serve Christ's Church as a priest. Amen'

Off on holiday? Visit www.masstimes.org. This useful website provides worship times, Church locations, contact information, website links and maps around the world. Just type in the name of the town/area that you are visiting.

Universalis - if you would like to follow the Liturgy of the Hours or the Mass Readings for each day, Universalis has a free to use web version or you can subscribe to the app which has more pages, books to read, devotions etc. <https://universalis.com>

Hallow app - offers prayers, guided meditations, Bible readings and so much more. Free and subscription versions available. <https://hallow.com>

March For Life - Human Rights For All Humans. Saturday 6th September.

Join the peaceful pro-life march through Westminster. Beginning at 1:30pm at The Emmanuel Centre (SW1P 3DW) and finishing at Parliament Square at 4:30pm. Contact Sharon if you would like a lift to Didcot from where we will take the train and buses or tube to The Emmanuel Centre.

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.



Welcome to all who have recently joined our parish and to all who are visiting during the holidays.

If you are new to the parish you can register as a parishioner using this link <https://c4.pamis.co.uk/wanlam/online80147>

First Holy Communion - Fr. David will be starting preparation classes for First Holy Communion in September. If you would like your child to join the group, and they will be 7 years old by June 2026, please speak to Fr. David after Mass or contact the parish office.

St. John Henry Newman - The Vatican has announced that our 'local' saint from Oxford, St John Henry Newman, who was canonised in 2019 by Pope Francis, is to have the title of Doctor of the Universal Church conferred on him. This title is given by the Catholic Church to saints who have made significant contributions to theology or doctrine through their writings and teachings.

You can read more about St. John Henry Newman at Littlemore place, Oxford - The International Centre of Newman Friends

Littlemore Place, Newman's Oratory is open for visitors from May to October: Monday to Friday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Saturday 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month closed).

Scripture Study and Holy Hour - will be suspended during the summer and will resume in the autumn. Notices will appear in the newsletter in due course.

Office Hours in Summer —Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm 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
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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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