

4th July —12th July

Sat 4th 10am *Eric Coates RIP*

Sat 4th 6pm *in Thanksgiving*

Sun 5th 9am *Michael Dawson's int.*

Sun 5th 11am (*Lambourn*) *Pro Pop*

Mon 6th 10am

Mon 6th 11.30 Requiem Mass Mrs Brannigan.

Tues 7th 10am *Gray Family int.*

Weds 8th 10am *Tony Rawlinson RIP*

Weds 8th (*Lambourn*)

Thurs 9th 10am *Marie Rabb*

Fri 10th 10am

Sat 11th 10am *Malcolm Pierce RIP*

Sat 11th 6pm *Tudor Morgan RIP*

Sun 12th 9am *Pro Pop*

Sun 12th 11am (*Lambourn*) *Harriet and Alex 's int.*



QR Code to
Register as a
Parishioner



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Year A 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th July 2026

Out of the Mouths of Babes



How often do we laughingly say, "...Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise. Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in life-style magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we? When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this . Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter.

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am– 1pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 5:00pm on Thursday.

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.

Dates for your Diary: ST BIRINUS FESTIVAL This will be held this year from Thursday July 9 to Sunday July 12 in Dorchester-on-Thames, and seeks to celebrate a remarkable and often overlooked part of England's Catholic heritage - the arrival of Roman liturgy, chant, and sacred music in the Kingdom of Wessex. For information: www.stbirinusfestival.co.uk

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP This popular camp is run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and will be on 17th to 21st August this year at St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury RG17 9SR for youths aged 11-17. For more information and to book, please visit: <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp-2026> or email contact@fanningtheflame.co.uk.

Plentiful saints. This week we remember St. Maria Goretti (6 July), who died defending her chastity at 11 years old and who forgave her attacker before she died, St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions (9 July), who was the first priest martyred in China, as well as the great St. Benedict (11 July), founder of western monasticism, and Aquila and Priscilla (6 July), a married couple, who were friends of St. Paul and created a 'domestic church' in their home, evangelising many. These saints had little in common, other than their love and steadfast belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some died a martyr's death, some lived to old age. They were scholars, children and ordinary people, just like us. Read more about the saints at: [Saint of the Day - Calendar of Saints of 07/01 - Vatican News](#)

Child Registration

We are now in the phase of adding children to our parish database. Please use the QR code here to register your children. This is very important for those who will be joining the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes next September.



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

**Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm on Zoom**

Calling parents and children for pre-registration for First Holy Communion. Classes will begin in September. If your child will be seven by 30 May 2027 please register. Classes will run on Saturday mornings from 10:00am –12:15. See Fr. David after Mass. For more information.

Do You Have Experience in PR/Communications?

The Pastoral Area Design Team urgently needs support from someone with PR/communications experience to help improve parishioner communication and engagement at this important stage. If you have skills in this area and could offer even a few hours each month, your help would make a real difference. Please contact Fr. David, as soon as possible to find out more.

Children's Area at the back of St Johns. We are blessed that we now have so many children using our special area at the back of church. We need to make sure that it is only used by the very young children. Children of school going age (Year 3 and above) may need to sit with their parents in the body of the

Tea and Coffee Lambourn

Sacred Heart Parishioners please join us on Sunday 5th July in Walwyn Hall for Tea, Coffee and Biscuits. We see this as a chance to socialise with each other and for new Parishioners to get to know each other.

Next Sunday, 12th July there will be a second collection for the 'Apostleship of the Sea' (Stella Maris)

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 ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090
Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Other Priests in the area :
Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038
Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338