

Mass Times 4th - 11th February

Sat 4th 10am *Declan Jordan's Ints.*

Sat 4th 6pm *Ros Eltham R.I.P.*

Sun 5th 9am *Judith Kershaw R.I.P.*

Sun 5th 11am (at Lambourn)

Mon 6th - Weds 8th inclusive No Mass or Holy Hour

Thurs 9th 10am

Fri 10th 9am *Ros Eltham R.I.P.*

Fri 10th 12 Noon *Requiem Mass for Cath Walwyn (L)*

Sat 11th 10am

Sat 11th 6pm *Hedwig Mangan 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 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th February 2023



Shining Example

We often hear folk proclaim that their faith is a very private affair, something strictly between themselves and God. Of course there's a place for private worship, but at the end of the day, what good is a religious conviction that rarely impacts others and fails to make the world a better place?

Today Jesus tells us that if we live by our faith we will become 'the salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world'. How wonderful to be worthy of such compliments, but lest we get carried away, Jesus warns of us of the pitfalls. If the salt is to lose its taste it will become worthless, and if we are to hide the light beneath a bowl it will obviously fail to serve its purpose. What a silly idea! Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls yet we do it all the time.

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays and hiding God's light gives us a get out clause. Hiding the light means we can choose the comfortable or the easy option. Hiding the light means ignoring someone who is alone, or suffering. Hiding the light means keeping quiet and erring on the side of popular opinion. Hiding the light means keeping quiet in the face of injustice or intolerance. Today we are invited to remember all those who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. We all remember someone who has motivated and inspired us. We all remember someone who has stood out against the crowd. Today we ask, "Are we guilty of practising our faith quietly and only when it's safe, or are we shining examples."

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.

Refreshments after 9am Mass every Sunday

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.

We are currently supporting a family who need essential items - toilet rolls, size 6 nappies, food etc. Donations can be placed in the box marked "SVP".

Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074

Thank you for your support.



Joseph Kershaw and his friends will be leaving for Uganda early on Sat 11th February, to visit and serve the Catholic charity Mercy for Life, who work in the slums of Kampala. Thanks to the generosity of many kind people, flights and accommodation are all covered and they have a significant donation to give to the work as well. They simply ask once more for your prayers for a safe and blessed trip, and look forward to sharing the experience on their return. More information is available on their gofundme page if you're interested!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/pjwvvh-uganda-mission-trip?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

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

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

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

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.

Linda, Tony and family would like to thank you all for your prayers and condolences and for all who attended Judith's requiem Mass. While this has been a very difficult time for the family your continued support, prayers, kindness and thoughtfulness have been much appreciated. It was humbling to see so many people expressing their love at such a trying time. Thank you all so much.



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

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.

Scripture Study - This week scripture study will be on **Thursday** at 7pm on Zoom.

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.

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 :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332