

### Mass Times 20th - 27th May

Sat 20th 10am *Margaret Murray & Family Ints*

Sat 20th 6pm *Frank & Hedwig Mangan R.I.P.*

Sun 21st 9am *Dec'd Members of Moran Family*

Sun 21st 11am *(Lambourn)*

Mon 22nd No Mass

Tues 23rd 10am *Charles Cadogan's Ints.*

Weds 24th 10am *Richard Matthews R.I.P.*

Weds 24th 12 Noon *(at Lambourn)*

Weds 24th 7pm Holy Hour

Thurs 25th 10am *Private Intention*

Fri 26th 10am *Bert Murphy R.I.P.*

Sat 27th 10am

Sat 27th 6pm *Tadeusz Hobler R.I.P.*



### Cold and flu -

If you feel unwell 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.



## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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### Year A 7th Sunday of Easter 21st May 2023

#### What Is On Your Mind Today?



What is on your mind today? Perhaps you have to get the car through its MOT. Perhaps you have to do the shopping with not enough money in your purse. Perhaps you have to get some work done with not enough hours in your day. Perhaps you have to visit a family member who is ill, or help your child fix a failed friendship at school. There is so much to do. Continuing Jesus' mission on earth probably doesn't figure much in the pages of our diaries.

Today we are privy to Jesus' prayer made on our behalf at the close of his ministry on earth. In this prayer, we are reminded that Jesus had finished the work that he had come to do. Jesus had made God's name known, so that all could share in eternal life. However, for this to happen, we have to carry the baton and keep Jesus' teaching alive in a world bursting with conflicting values.

The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we are all very familiar with the promise of eternal life, even though these words were spoken over two thousand years ago. It doesn't matter how busy we are, life is so much easier for us than it was for those early disciples. We really don't have much excuse. We have been entrusted with an important job, yet for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. We have all the benefits of a twenty first century world at our fingertips, now we just need to capture some of the passion that drove those early disciples.

We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us. 'Eternal Life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent....'



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Michael Petterson, Kathy Child, Patricia Senior, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Evelynne Frewer, Fred Armstrong and Mary Rawlinson. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Les Walker, 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.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May-For Church movements and groups.**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



**Red Box Holders** - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during May. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio.



**For our young people** - How many Holy Spirit Doves can you spot for the chance to win a prize?

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation -**



Please speak to Fr. David if your son/daughter would like to join the groups to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

**Bishop Philip has announced that this year is the Year of The Holy Spirit in our Diocese. The Life in the Spirit course team** invite you to sign up for this year's online course. Join us to discover how the Holy Spirit is working in your life.

Thursday 1st June until Thursday 13th July from 7.30pm until 9pm

[Life in the Spirit Registration 2023 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

**Scripture Study** - Tuesdays 7 - 7:30pm Let Fr. David know if there is anything in particular that you would like covered in Scripture study.

**Date for your Diary** - Lyford Grange Pilgrimage, Sunday 25th June 4pm.

St. Edmund Campion was betrayed and captured after celebrating Mass at Lyford Grange. From there he was taken to London to be tried and subsequently martyred at Tyburn in the year 1581. There will be no Rosary procession this year so Mass will begin at 4pm at the Tythe Barn, Lyford Grange.

**Safeguarding** - we are committed to ensuring that all are safeguarded while attending Mass and other activities in our Church. Our main toilet is just inside the Church door and not visible to us during Mass, so please could parents accompany their child if they need to use the facilities.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Contact us 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.



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

**DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023**

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with joy in our words, and to keep us free from gossip, calumny, detraction and sins of negativity.



**The Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Communications Network**

On this, the 57th World Communications Day, Pope Francis asks us to "focus on "speaking with the heart". It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of Communicating". Donations can be placed in the basket at the back of Church or by bank transfer using "Communications Network" as the reference.



**St Bede Feast Day 25th May** - regarded as one of the greatest Anglo Saxon scholars, St. Bede (672-735) wrote 30 commentaries on the Bible as well as an *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. He worked on a translation of St. John's Gospel into English, completing it on the day he died.

**Ascension to Pentecost** - "And while staying with them [Jesus] charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father..." Acts 1:4-5

The Apostles waited and prayed for nine days, the first "Novena" in preparation to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join with the Church in preparing through the Novena prayers at <https://aleteia.org/2016/05/06/pray-a-novena-to-the-holy-spirit-and-ignite-a-fire-within/>



**Refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass**

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

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