

## Mass Times 26th November - 3rd December

Sat 26th 10am *Catherine Hickey R.I.P.*

Sat 26th 6pm *Anne O'Connor R.I.P.*

Sun 27th 9am *Wendy Carney R.I.P.*

Sun 27th 11am *Michael Tynan R.I.P.*

Monday 28th No Mass

Tuesday 29th 10am *Dec'd members of Williams & Hill Families R.I.P.*

Weds 30th 10am *Clive & Nancy Williams R.I.P.*

Weds 30th Noon *Susan Tracey R.I.P. (F)*

Thurs 1st Dec 10am *Fr. Robin Sanders R.I.P.*

Fri 2nd 10am *Private Intention*

Sat 3rd 10am *Fr. Robin Sanders R.I.P.*

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 10:30 to 11am  
at St. John Vianney  
or by appointment

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

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm



11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially **Fr. Robin Sanders, Georgina Cave, Neil Murphy and Bridget May Knight**, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - **Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Susanna McFeely, Richard Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Ela Ozbayraktar, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, Robina Ryder, Robina Johnstone, Margaret McGivern, Teresa Bowler, Mabel Capell, Gillian Parrott, Joan Kent, Tom Murphy, Joe Picken.** Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially **Dot Armstrong, Margaret Wilson, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, Gloria Allen** and all those suffering at this time. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list .

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## Year A 1st Sunday of Advent 27th November 2022



### The Sands of Time

Does Christmas seem to come round faster every year? Do you ever feel that the sand of time is running fast through your fingers and that life is passing you by? As you make your way around the supermarket and hear the same old tunes as last Christmas, see the same products on the shelves as last Christmas, and follow the same adverts as last Christmas, do you ever long for something to change?

The hardest thing about living our lives is finding time to live our lives! Our days are ruled by the clock. Few of us can wake up and choose what to do. Our time is dictated by routine and before we know it life has passed us by before we've had time to live it. The biggest theme of Advent is 'change' but in the busy run up to Christmas, changing the way we live our lives is probably the last thing on our minds. We are much more likely to be making savings on the latest iphone than saving our souls!

Today we are given the biggest life changing piece of advice that we could ever have. Preparation! Preparation is essential whether we are setting out to buy a new washing machine or setting out to change the world. Without preparation we will end up wasting years of our time and missing all those heaven sent opportunities. We might not think that we have the time to live our lives any differently from the way we do now, but with the right kind of planning we can transform who we are and what we do and still manage to fit in the day job. If Noah could find time to knock out an ark before the floods came, surely we could all find time to pencil some life changing plans into our calendar! We hear a lot in the news of natural disasters and war around the world. Men women and children across the globe have lost their lives unexpectedly and prematurely. Death comes like a thief in the night, and so we must keep focussed and live in perpetual readiness. Jesus doesn't tell us this to frighten us but to encourage us to take responsibility for the here and now.

