

Mass Times 16th - 23rd November 2024

Sat 16th 10am *Luke Hayward's Ints.*

Sat 16th 6pm *Chris Read R.I.P.*

Sun 17th 9am *Muriel Moran R.I.P.*

Sun 17th 11am *Pat Arnott-Job R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 18th 10am *Dec'd Friends of Lazarus Family R.I.P.*

Tues 19th 10am *Dec'd Members of Murphy Family R.I.P.*

Weds 20th 10am *For Those Persecuted For Their Faith*

Weds 20th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 21st 10am

Fri 22nd 10am

Sat 23rd 10am *Kathy Child R.I.P.*

Sat 23rd 6pm *Pro Populo*

Confessions: St. John Vianney Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Marie Moss, Margery Hanson and Kathleen Popkiss, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Reginald Todd, Barrington Vaughan, Mark Tobin, Kathleen Leeson, Joan Uridge, Francis Williams, Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Susanna McFeely, Dick Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, Robina Ryder, Robina Johnstone, Julie Moynihan, Margaret McGivern, Teresa Bowler, Mabel Capell. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, Dot Armstrong, 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 list .

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Year B 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th November 2024



I'm always humbled by the great dedication of elite athletes who give up so much for their sport. Years of hard graft and doing without. So much given to chase a dream of a gold medal and to go down in the annals of their sport's history. The motto of the Olympic games is Citius, Altius, Fortius, Faster, Higher, Stronger, together.

Perhaps this motto is something we could all ponder on as there is sadness too as I write. On every page of my newspaper there are stories of violence and riots across the country. Following various tragedies, it seems as if we can't walk the streets in safety. Even in places where so many go on holidays and the sun is shining, there is a darkness pervading their lives. Terrible floods of biblical proportions terrify whole cities. The feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord celebrated in August reminds us that following the suffering there is glory. We are called to listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son of God. Sometimes it's difficult to see the glory with so much darkness. All our readings this Sunday state clearly that good will prevail over evil. It may be in apocalyptic language, but the triumphant Christ seated at the Father's right hand has conquered. God is in control.

When we look at the magnitude of the problems that surround us, we can be paralysed into thinking that we can't do anything. War in Gaza, war in Ukraine, famine again in Africa, war in Sudan, riots at home. What can I do to help? How can I do anything to make a difference?

We can all do something! In our prayer we could ask the Lord to help us. We could be faster to speak truth, demand higher standards from ourselves and those we know. We can work together to be stronger in our responses to hatred. We may not win a medal, but our world will be a better place. Pray for peace.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For November. For anyone who has lost a child
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass.

Two Weeks To Go - before the vote on assisted suicide. It's not too late to write to your MP. There are still letters available in the porch which you just have to sign and post, or if you visit the website of the Anscombe Centre, they have lots of information on reasons to oppose the change in law, as well as evidence of how the law is incrementally relaxed in countries where assisted suicide has been legalised. [Anscombe Centre Publishes Resource Guide on 'Assisted Dying' \(Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide\) | Anscombe Bioethics](#)



Quiz and Puddings Night

Friday 22nd November 7pm.

at St. John Vianney Hall

Ticket £5 or Family Ticket £20 to include puddings, teas and coffees.

Raffle prizes—donations welcome

Tickets are available this weekend after each Mass.



Volunteer keyboard Player Needed

If you can help at Christmas Masses, please contact the parish office.

Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney Wednesday Evening 7– 8pm

Scripture Study Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

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



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - we are collecting this year for Stirlings Care Home. We can take medium sized containers (225ml) of body wash, shampoo, body lotion, as well as soap and hand cream, to make up into Christmas gift bags. We can't take sachets—the items above are easier for residents to open and use. Donations placed in the box marked SVP in the porch will be much appreciated.



Office Hours -Tuesday 11-1:30 Thursday & Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. We make a particular effort during this month to pray for all of the deceased and to have Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed. Blessing of Graves at Chain Hill—16th November 11:30am.



Feast of the Presentation of Mary - 21st November. As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. The Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. The feast stresses the important truth that from the beginning of her life, Mary was dedicated to God.



Children's Christmas Party at St. John Vianney Saturday 14th December 2-4pm. Come along to decorate the crib and Christmas trees and join in other activities.

Carol Service at St. John Vianney Sunday 15th December 5pm. Refreshments in the hall after the concert.

Phoenix Brass Band Concert Walwyn Hall Lambourn Sunday 15th December 2:30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments. Please contact Anne Strickland on 01488 71580 for tickets. Raffle prizes and sausage rolls required, contact Marion.

First Holy Communion

If you would like your child to join the group which will start in January, please see Fr. David after Mass or email the parish office.

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 01488 71580

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday
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