

## Mass Times 8th - 15th June 2024

Sat 8th 10am

Sat 8th 6pm *Frank & Kitty Connolly R.I.P.*

Sun 9th 9am *Eva O'Connor R.I.P.*

Sun 9th 11am *Pro Populo Lambourn*

Mon 10th 10am *Tom's Ints.*

Tues 11th 10am *Charles Cadogan R.I.P.*

Weds 12th 10am

Weds 12th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 12th 7pm Holy Hour

Thurs 13th 10am *Eithne Naughton R.I.P.*

Fri 14th 10am

Sat 15th 10am

Sat 15th 6pm *May Knight R.I.P.*

All Masses at  
St. John Vianney  
are on Zoom.  
Masses at  
Sacred Heart  
Lambourn  
are not  
available on Zoom.

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Pat Kerton, David Coyle, Dorothy Salisbury, Joan Connolly, Patricia Halifax, Nora O'Malley, Michael Eyre and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Margaret Wilson, Elizabeth Wright, May Knight, Elga Moran, Ernest Popkiss, June Woollard, Charles Boyle, Noreen Aymes, Moira Foxon, Evelyn Tuckey, Brenda England, Mervyn Thomas, Lucy Soanes, John Hughes, Maria Bradshaw, Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Eugene McEvoy, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, 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.

### 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.**

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### Year B 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th June 2024



#### The Common Good

Today's gospel is particularly relevant in a climate of war and divisive politics. In today's gospel we find the people of Galilee trying to decide who Jesus is and the claims are clearly becoming divisive. There is a bit of a controversy going on where some think that Jesus has 'Beelzebul in him'.... a name for Satan. The very idea seems alien to us since we have long since decided who Jesus is, but this was not the case for the people of the time who had observed Jesus performing all sorts of powerful signs and had to ask themselves where Jesus' power came from. Was Jesus' power from God or was it from the devil? We cannot blame them for asking this question. Jesus deals with the controversy by giving us a lesson in the differences between the work of the devil and the work of God. The devil sets us up against each other in opposition. The devil tears down nations. The devil tears down households and families. The devil divides and scatters. God on the other hand helps us to work towards peace and unity. God forgives us our sins and encourages us to forgive each other and to work together. Jesus' work is not about division but about welcoming everyone to him whoever they might be. His power clearly does not flow from the devil.

So how can we apply this lesson two thousand years later? We open a newspaper or switch on the news. We watch our politicians and world leaders. We know that their job is to make the world a better place. We have to give them credit where they succeed but we have to be mindful of their shortcomings too. When leaders start to tear each other down and divide nations, we have to know that this is not God's will. God's will is to unify us so that we are working together towards a common good. Today we need to look at the divisions in our world and ask how those divisions might be healed. Everyone on the planet is part of one human family. As Jesus says in today's gospel, "Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother."

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June - For migrants fleeing their homes.**

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**Please keep in your prayers**, all of our young people who are taking exams over the next few weeks.

**Volunteer Sacristan Needed** - No experience needed., training will be given. If anyone feels able to help please speak to Fr. David or email the office.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass

**Lifting the Faith Schools Cap *Please Respond*** -Since 2010 the 50 percent cap or 'rule' has prevented new Catholic free schools from opening, as the cap would have forced schools to turn away some Catholic pupils. The Catholic Church welcomes the decision by the Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan, to lift the cap on new free schools in England. **The decision is subject to a consultation on removing the cap, that closes on 20th June. To lend your support to the consultation, post your details at [www.cbcew.org.uk/faith-schools-consultation-response/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/faith-schools-consultation-response/)**

**SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election -**

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 10th June at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.



**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office .

Donations to SVP can be made to this account:

Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.



**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.



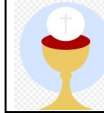
**SVP Bake Sale This Weekend** after Masses on Saturday evening and in the hall during teas/coffees on Sunday morning. Donations of cake will be very gratefully received and, as always, we thank you for your continued support.

**St. Anthony of Padua - Feast Day 13th June**

St. Anthony is one of the most famous disciples of St. Francis of Assisi. He was a renowned preacher and countless miracles are attributed to his intercession. He is often depicted holding the child Jesus because a man at whose house he was staying, entered his room one evening and found him holding the child Jesus in his arms surrounded by heavenly light. [www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/life-of-st-anthony-of-padua-5193](http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/life-of-st-anthony-of-padua-5193)

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus - The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, celebrating God's love for us.**

The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son". (Jn 3:16)  
Copies of the Litany of The Sacred Heart are available in the porch.



**Please pray for the children in our parish** who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd June at 9am Mass.

**Care for Our Common Home -*Cycle for the Environment* 10-16th June**

Bike Week, is an annual opportunity to promote cycling and show how cycling can easily be part of everyday life by encouraging 'everyday cycling for everyone'. Bike Week first took place in 1923 – 95 years ago! It was, and always has been, a great opportunity to highlight the social, health and environmental benefits of cycling, with a core aim of getting people to give cycling a go.

**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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