

Mass Times 14th - 21st February 2026

Sat 14th 10am Adam Koch's Ints.
Sat 14th 6pm Peter Young R.I.P.
Sun 15th 9am Dinah Booker R.I.P.
Sun 15th 11am Bob Dore R.I.P. (Lambourn)
Mon 16th 10am Kate Bennell's Ints.
Tues 17th 10am
Weds 18th Ash Wednesday
6:45am *Pro Populo*
10am
12 Noon
7pm
Thurs 19th 10am *In Thanksgiving for prayers answered.*
Fri 20th 10am *Living and Dec'd Members of Hughes, Prydderch, Prismall, Burke, Davies, Elsom, Sarsfield and Douglas Families.*
Sat 21st 10am
Sat 21st 6pm Kathleen Green R.I.P.

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.

 **In your prayers**, please remember all who have died recently especially Roy Kemp, Margery Flanagan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Isabel Smith, Bob Dore, Michael Carroll, Winifred O'Neil, Violet Aitken, Fiorenza Innes, Joe Emery, Sylvia Ody, Cynthia MacDonald, Philip Ciampoli, Anna Heffernan, Daniel Cumberbirch, Edith Williams, Grace O'Connor, Stephen King, Daniel Rafferty, Mary McNamee, John Hogan, Gillian Dawes, Mary Gibbons, Mary Homer, Alice Hales. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter, Terry O'Hara, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, 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.

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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Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year A 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th February 2026



The Heart of the Matter

How often do we hear solicitors wrangling over the law, looking for a loophole to suit their own agenda?

Those seeking loopholes seem perfectly happy to ignore the spirit of the law in their quest to win.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws.

Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written law should be no different. Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts.

What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions because it's what is written in our hearts that defines us.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for February - For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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



Volunteers Please - If you have an hour to spare on Saturday morning at 11am, please would you consider coming along to help with Church cleaning. We have very few regular volunteers . The more who come, the quicker it gets done.

Re register - the diocese has appointed a new company to manage our parish databases from the end of January. Please use the QR code to re register as a parishioner and continue to receive the newsletter and other parish information. There is a separate QR code to register child parishioners. Both codes are available on the notice board. If you don't have a smart phone, please ask Sharon or another parishioner to help you access the online form.



Stop Assisted Suicide - further action needed!

Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. Right To Life UK has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords.

Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026 to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

Scripture Study

An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings .

Will resume on Tuesday 24th February.

On Zoom using same link as for Mass

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 or on the card machine. Thank you for your sup-



Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of penitence and hope and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.

Lent devotions

Stations of the Cross Wednesday evenings at 7pm followed by Benediction.

Stations of the Cross Friday after 10am Mass.

Scripture study Tuesday evenings during Lent 7pm.

Soup lunch Fridays during Lent - This has been very popular and well attended in previous years. If you would like to sign up to make soup, please contact the **parish office** with possible dates that you can do. Starting Friday 20th Feb at 12 Noon.

Invitation To Volunteer Catechists – as our parish continues to grow, our Pastoral Area Formation Team are seeking to recruit more volunteers to serve as catechists. In particular, we need more volunteers to work with our Children's Liturgy group. Catechists support learners in exploring scripture, the sacraments, prayer and Christian living. If you would like to know more, please just add your name to the list on the notice board and Gabriella will contact you.

Training Day Saturday 14th February 10am-1pm at St. John Vianney hall.

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now temporarily closed. All correspondence/phone calls and emails should be directed to Fr. David's numbers. Available on the front of the newsletter. Please be patient with us.

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 ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090 Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn anne.strickland@mail.com

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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