

ST. JOHN VIANNEY WANTAGE
SACRED HEART LAMBOURN

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WAITING FOR JUDGEMENT DAY



A man goes on a journey leaving his slaves in charge, each with a job to do. A doorkeeper keeps watch to alert the slaves as to his master's return. The story illustrates the time of waiting between Jesus' first coming as a little baby at Christmas to his second coming on Judgement Day. Did the slaves really need a doorkeeper to alert them to the master's return? After all, waiting for the second coming shouldn't be the same as waiting for a bus!

The point is not to wait for the master's return before hurling ourselves into great busy-ness. We have to spend our waiting time in preparation and constant readiness. Keep alert," we are told "keep awake."

We are asked to keep alert and awake not for fear of being caught out like naughty school children, but in a spirit of 'keeping our eye on the ball.' We all know how we would like to contribute. Each of us is aware of our unique place on the planet and how we would like to be remembered.

Sadly, all too often it is easy for us to 'take our eye off the ball' and get caught up in other concerns. The news is full of people who have reached the end of their life unexpectedly. None of us has been afforded an exact time and date for our final preparations. Instead we are asked to live in a permanent state of readiness seizing every opportunity on a daily basis to prepare for God's Kingdom.

opportunity on a daily basis to prepare for God's Kingdom. Our Advent goal needs to be about waiting in readiness from this day until our last.

Today's invitation is to decide on our plans and bring them to fruition. Just in the same way as we draw up any other plan, we need to do the same for our Advent goals. In the same way as we put our plans in a diary, it helps to put our spiritual plans in a diary too. Who are we going to help today and how? Whose life can we impact and by when? It probably sounds hugely trite, but we need to put Judgement Day in the diary!

Mass Intentions 28th November - 6th December

Sat 28th 10am *Sir Frank Williams RIP*
Sat 28th 6pm *Ela Ozbayraktar RIP*
Sun 29th 9am *Aldo Racioppo RIP*
Sun 29th 11 am (Lambourn) *Dermot Ffrench RIP*
Mon 30th 10am *De'cd Friends of the Lazarus Fam. RIP*
Tues 1st 10am
Weds 2nd 10am *Helen Hodgkinson's int.*
Weds 2nd 12 noon (Lambourn) *Joe's int.*
Thurs 3rd 10am *Claire's int.*
Fri 4th 10am *Canon Peter Turbitt RIP*
Sat 5th 10am *Mary Turbitt's int.*
Sat 5th 6pm *Pro Pop*
Sun 6th 9am *Agatha Wu RIP*
Sun 6th 11am (Lambourn)

Adult Registration **Child Registration**

REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER USING THE QR CODES ABOVE

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

In your Prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially, Frank Williams and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Pam Robinson

No Scripture Study this week Tuesday

Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration St. John Vianney 7 - 8pm

Dates for your Diary -

Wednesday 2nd December - The Mayor's Carol Service will take place at 6pm, at St.Peter &St. Paul (Wantage Parish Church)
Thursday 3rd December - Pastoral Area Penitential Service **7pm English Martyrs Didcot**
Sunday 6th December Phoenix Brass Band Concert will be held in Walwyn Hall, Lambourn. Marion and Anne Strickland are looking for donations of food mince pies etc. Also raffle prizes. Please contact them if you are able to help.
Sunday 13th December - Tea & Coffee after Mass at Lambourn
Suday 13th December - Carol Service 5pm followed by refreshments in the Hall.
Sunday 20th December -Tea & Coffee after Mass at Lambourn

Choir Dates
Sunday 29th November after 9am Mass
Sunday 20th December after 9am Mass



Christmas Cards are now on sale in the Repository.

Red Boxes!
Do you support the work of **Missio** with a 'red box' at home? Red Box collections take place during the month of November. Please leave your red box a the back of church. If you would like a red box and do not have one, please see Anne Hodgson.

SVP Christmas Appeal
The SVP are collecting toiletries for people living in care homes. Can you help? They are looking for Shower gel, hand soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hand cream, body lotion. Care homes do not have baths, only showers, so items like bath bombs are not suitable. There will be a box marked SVP Christmas Appeal in the church porch. Please leave your donations there.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November

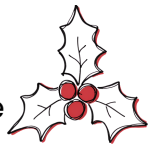


Pope Leo's prayer intention for November is for the proper use of wealth. The Pope recalled that Jesus reminds us "that true wealth is not found in what we keep, but in what we give with love."

"You can find out more at https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-11/pope-november-prayer-intention-for-the-proper-use-of-wealth.html

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am-1pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 5:00m on Thursday.

Sunday 13th December Lambourn Christmas Coffee morning
There will be an additional coffee/tea/cake morning after Mass in the Walwyn Hall on 13th December. This will also include sausage rolls,
mince pies and a glass of wine. It would be lovely to see as many parishioners as can manage to come. We will also be drawing the raffle in aid of Little People**.**



Prayers for Advent



Praying the Rosary is a wonderful way to honour Our Lady during the Advent season. If you are looking for additional Advent prayers why not try the **St. Andrew Novena**, which is a super Novena, running from 30th November to 24th December.
https://app.ascensionpress.com/articles/b5f07dd9-a9ca-48d4-86b7-9a272e79da0a
You could also pray the **Novena to St. Anne and St. Joachim**, the parents of Our Lady and the grandparents of Our Lord.
https://ascensionpress.com/pages/novena-to-st-anne-and-st-joachim
Which ever prayers you choose, Advent is the perfect season to deepen our prayer lives.



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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

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
Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email: wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Other Priests in the area :
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