

Mass Times 5th - 12th August

Sat 5th 10am *Beth Monaghan R.I.P.*

Sat 5th 6pm *Martin McGrath R.I.P.*

Sun 6th 9am *Michael Moran R.I.P.*

Sun 6th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

Mon 7th No Mass

Tues 8th No Mass

Weds 9th 10am

Weds 9th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 9th 7pm Holy Hour

Thurs 10th 10am *In Thanksgiving*

Fri 11th 10am

Sat 12th 10am

Sat 12th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Confessions:

Saturdays
10:30 to 11am
or
by appointment.

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



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Year A Transfiguration of The Lord 6th August 2023



How to be a Visionary

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. In today's gospel we see him recognise that Peter, James and John were down-hearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and gave them a glimpse of the glory they would one day share. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. Peter, eager to keep hold of the vision suggested erecting three tents! It wasn't such a silly idea, for although three tents could not hold the vision, Peter recognised the importance of keeping it, even if it was only as a memory. He recognised that the vision could motivate him from then on.

Professional life mentors and motivational speakers could give us a few clues when it comes to staying motivated. The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. People on a diet have a vision of themselves three stone lighter. Students struggling to sit at a desk and revise on a hot sunny afternoon motivate themselves with a vision of that much sought after career. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war, or simply to improve the life of one other person. The second most important piece of advice is to imbue that vision with a passion. It's no good having a lack lustre vision, we need a vision that will make us feel passionate about our goal, something that we can conjure up in our mind's eye and make us leap into action.

We tend to think of visionaries as some kind of mystics, but a visionary is simply a person with original ideas about what the future will or could be like. With God's help, it's in us all!



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially **Ian Smith, Elizabeth Wright, Les Walker, Michael Petterson, Kathy Child, Patricia Senior**, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - **Neil Murphy, Maria Costello, Kathleen Perry, Jim Bryan, Edward Bateman, Jennifer Randall, Robert Carter, Fr. Leo Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Ellen Newton**. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially **Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August - For World Youth Day

We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Heading off on your holidays?

Visit www.masstimes.org

This really useful website provides worship times, Church locations, contact information, website links and maps. Just type in the name of the town/area that you are visiting.

Closer to Christ Campaign - Thank you to those who attended the meetings and took information packs. If you haven't received a pack yet, you should get one in the post this coming week. On receiving the pack, I ask you to do three things:

- ◆ Read the information carefully
- ◆ Welcome a call from one of the team to answer any questions you may have
- ◆ Consider a gift that is right for you

Thank you for your commitment to our parish.

Divine Mercy Retreat at St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 3HG on Saturday 19 August 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30pm to include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.



Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration

at St. John Vianney

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm

Important Safeguarding Notice - we are committed to ensuring that all are safeguarded while attending Mass and other activities in our Church. Our main toilet is just inside the Church door and not visible to us during Mass, so please could parents accompany their child if they need to use the facilities.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Contact us through the parish office or on this number 07842271596. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.

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DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023

May the Holy Spirit guide the clergy and people
of our Diocese in our mission
to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church.



What is a Deacon?

A Deacon is an ordained minister of the Church, a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." A Permanent Deacon may be a married or single man whereas Transitional Deacons are Seminarians ordained in the year prior to Priestly ordination. A Permanent Deacon will not become a Priest. The role of Deacon is mentioned in the New Testament (Acts 6:2-3) - established to serve and assist the priests and bishops in their sacramental ministry.

If you feel called to become a Deacon, our Diocese has an established programme of discernment potentially leading to the beginning of formation. For further information please contact; diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

New Date for Your Diary

Rescheduled Date For Thanksgiving Mass For Judy Gibbons' Music Leadership

The Thanksgiving Mass has now been rescheduled for Friday October 6th, 7pm.

All welcome.

There will be drinks and nibbles afterwards in the Church Hall.
All donations already received will be kept safe and put towards
the refreshments on the day.

Please put this date in your diaries
and if you know of anyone who would like to attend, please do let them know.

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

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

Other Priests in the area :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332