

## Mass Times 17th - 24th January 2026

Sat 17th 10am *Pete Gray R.I.P*  
Sat 17th 6pm *Beth Monaghan R.I.P.*  
Sun 18th 9am *Edward Moran R.I.P.*  
Sun 18th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*  
Mon 19th 10am *Fr. Sean Murphy R.I.P*  
Tues 20th 10am *Vocations*  
Weds 21st 10am *Canon Peter's Ints.*  
Weds 21st 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*  
Thurs 22nd 10am *Philip Rudman's Ints.*  
Fri 23th 10am  
Sat 24th 10am *Sonia Matthews' Ints.*  
Sat 24th 6pm *Elaine Kealy's Ints.*

**Prayers please for Canon Peter who is ill in Hospital**

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



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially John Lynch, Aileen Dunne, Margaret McKenna, Roger Morgan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Robin Pope, Pete Gray, Terence Murrell, Ros Eltham, John Hunter, Louisa O'Neil, Denis Buckley, Beth Monaghan, Michael O'Connor, Mary Derbyshire,**

**Jeanne Taylor, Edward Purcell, Colin Kirkham, Marie-Therese Pert, Vera Picken, Philip Kent, Gabrysia Anderson, Wojciech Dubenski, Mary O'Sullivan, John Prove, Marjorie Whitaker, Anthony Windsor, Geoffrey Whitehead, John and Audrey McCaffrey, Mary Black, Edward Morgan, Richard Corkery, Jack Kneafsey, Barbara Healy.**

**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 A 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2026



### Any Witnesses?

There are those in our society who stand head and shoulders above the rest of us ... great entrepreneurs, politicians, writers, scientists and humanitarians. We look up to these people and wish that we were more like them. When interviewed, these great people might pass some of the credit for their success on to a teacher who has made a big impression on them, an

influential mentor, or a family member.

Bearing witness is essential. Without witnesses we would know nothing of Jesus. Without John the Baptist, without the disciples, without the writers of the gospels, we would not have Jesus' teachings today. Without our parents and teachers, we would never have learned our first bible stories. Yet there are plenty of people in our world that would still benefit from Jesus' philosophy for living. There are plenty of people still consumed by greed, hate, crime obsession and misery. There are plenty of people who could still benefit from Jesus' teaching if only we as Jesus' witnesses could bring it about.

So why do we hesitate to bear witness? Well, first of all there's something about bearing witness that makes us feel uncomfortable. No one wants to be the man in the city centre wearing the biblical billboards. No one wants to be the woman with her foot wedged in the front door predicting the end of the world. Yet these people are well meaning and trying to get God's message across in the best way they know how. If these aren't the ways that we would choose then perhaps we can find other more imaginative ways, rather than do nothing at all. The challenge we are offered today is to reach those people who remain unaffected by God in ever new and more imaginative ways.

**Pope Leo's Prayer intention for January** - For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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



**There is a lovely old adage that says** - Before Mass, talk to God and after Mass talk to your neighbour. While we all like to chat and catch up, before Mass is a time for God, a time to recollect ourselves and to prepare to celebrate devoutly. Quietness also helps others to prepare. So please be considerate and keep our conversations for after Mass.

**Look After Your Neighbour** - As the temperatures plummet give a second thought to an elderly neighbour. Offer to do some shopping. Offer to salt a neighbour's front step. Make sure elderly family members have got an up to date hot water bottle. (Hot water bottles have a shelf life of two to three years.)

**Holy Hour of Prayer  
and Eucharistic Adoration**  
**St. John Vianney**  
**Postponed till February**

**Scripture Study**  
**An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings .**  
Postponed till February.

**St. Amand's Catholic Primary School** annual Celebration Fundraiser at the historic Hendred House on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are £35pp and include food, welcome drink, raffle, auction, cash bar and a Heads or Tails game where one person will win £250 on the night (participants must be 18+ to take part in the Heads or Tails game). In other news, our new Benefactor Association has been set up so that individuals and their families who have the means can help the school to thrive. Please read the attachment for more information on the Benefactor tiers available. To get your Celebration Fundraiser tickets or become a Benefactor [complete this form](#). We now have registered for easy fundraising; do your normal online shopping and every time you shop a donation is made to the Friends of St. Amand's. Get fundraising for FREE and [visit this link](#) to register.

**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 support.



**Campaign in 2026** In 2026, with the renewal brought about by the Jubilee, CAFOD will continue to look at the big issues of debt, food and climate. The debt that lower-income countries are struggling with, the dysfunction of the global food system and the devastating impact of climate change are huge drivers of poverty, and they are interconnected.

If you've never campaigned before, it's just using your voice to call for something better. Signing a petition in church is campaigning. It's all about having a vision of how things could be, and despite all the challenges, it is still a beautiful thing to be part of. You can begin by urging the Foreign Secretary to act on Sudan. Sign the online petition at [www.action.cafod.org.uk/page/183860/petition](http://www.action.cafod.org.uk/page/183860/petition)

**Wantage and Grove Church Partnership** - This week is the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We will be hosting the prayer service on Wednesday 21st at 8pm here in St. John Vianney Church. Please make every effort to come along and support our parish.

**Re-Register** - The diocese has appointed a new company to manage our parish databases from the end of January. There will be a QR code available for parishioners to re register, or paper copies for those who are unable to access QR codes. Further information will follow so that you can register and continue to receive the newsletter and other parish information

**Reduced Office Hours:** Due to unforeseen circumstances the office will only be open between 8:30-9:30am each day. Emails will be monitored but please be patient when needing a reply. If you have an urgent enquiry, contact Fr. David's mobile number.

### **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](mailto:anne.strickland@mail.com)  
**Baptisms and other Sacraments**—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email [wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
**Other Priests in the area :**  
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