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1st January—8th January

Sat 1st 6pm Jack, Josie & Michael Kneafsey R.I.P.

Sun 2nd 9am Mary Derbyshire R.I.P.

Sun 2nd 11am Fr. Joseph Taylor R.I.P.

Mon 3rd No Mass

Tues 4th 10am Sharon Dawson's Ints.

Wed 5th 10am

Thurs 6th Epiphany of The Lord Solemnity

10am John McCaffrey R.I.P.

7pm

Fri 7th 10am

Sat 8th 10am

Sat 8th 6pm Bergin Family Ints.

Public Mass
Wantage: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am
Saturday 6pm Wantage
Sunday 9am Wantage
Sunday 11am Lambourn
No Booking needed for weekday Masses
Booking for Sunday Masses essential. Please book by 5pm on Friday.

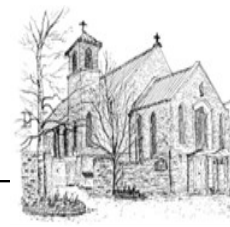
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Year C 2nd Sunday after Christmas 2nd January 2022



Called to Witness

People often declare that their faith is a private and a very personal thing. Of course our faith is very personal, but does that mean it should be private? In keeping our faith private we are missing a very important opportunity. How often has our own faith taken a little leap forward because of something we have heard or something we have read?

Similarly, there may be something you have heard or learnt that would help someone else. You might not consider yourself a theologian, but there might be something seemingly small that you could contribute that would make a big difference to someone else.

Someone else's testimony is the way we learn. Without the internet, books, Catholic papers, TV documentaries, homilies and the testimonies of friends and family, how would we develop our faith? Without the work of missionaries, teachers and parents, how would our faith have been handed from generation to generation? Without the gospel writers, how would Jesus' work and God's word be remembered? Without John the Baptist and the first disciples, how else would Jesus' identity have been known? Bearing witness is essential. Without witnesses we would know nothing of Jesus. Staying quiet and making religion a private matter is simply not an option. There are still those that would benefit from Christ's teaching either directly or indirectly. If Christianity is something very important to us, why be reticent about sharing it? If bearing witness to Christ can change lives, shouldn't we make our voices ever more persistently heard by friends, neighbours, family, politicians, community leaders, TV producers and anyone else with the willingness and the know-how to bring about change? Like John, we are called in our baptismal promises to be witnesses to the work of Christ. We are called to be witnesses in every circumstance of our lives.

Those who come to Mass are asked to take a lateral flow test before they come, to wear masks as required by law, and to preserve social distancing as far as possible.



In your prayers, please remember all who have recently died . Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Pete Gray, Sybil Murphy, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Dame Catherine Wyburne, and all those suffering during this pandemic. 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 :

PRCDTR 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's Prayer Intention for January 2022

"...for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."

Dear Parishioners—A huge thank you for all your kindness and generosity to me personally over the Christmas Season. Your gifts, cards and Christmas offerings are very much appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

New Year Resolutions 2022

There's a saying that goes, "If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!" It has resonance for all of us who think that God is simply there to assist us, instead of handing our lives over to him. Perhaps if we break our new year resolutions year after year we are making the wrong resolutions, or not asking God to shape our resolutions. Now is the time to reconsider the direction in which our lives are travelling.

Right To Life

"As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2022 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers. Lord hear us".

Bitesize—It's not that some people have willpower and some don't. It's that some people are ready to change and others are not. *James Gordon, M.D.*

Synod Consultation—Please return consultation forms asap.

SVP—Please could you consider joining our small group of volunteers?

St. Vincent de Paul Society is committed to combatting poverty and providing support and friendship in our local community. If you would like to know more about what is involved please email the parish office wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God -January 1st

Today we observe the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is a natural theme having just celebrated the birth of her son Jesus. The birth of a child is always a sign of hope ... hope not just for the parents and immediate family, but also for the whole community. The lives of Mary and Jesus spell a vision of a hope, a vision of justice and peace, a vision of freedom and liberation, a vision of social change and concern for the common good. It spells a vision of God present in the poor child and the holy young woman of Nazareth; a vision of God to be found in all the people and things of our world and especially among the poor.

The Epiphany of The Lord—Thursday 6th January

Most of us get through life relying on the knowledge we already have. Today's challenge is to look for something new. Knowing where to look for our own guiding star is up to us, but one thing is for sure, if we are not looking for revelation, we will never find it. If we carry on doing the same things we will only get the same results.



Little People—Tess would like to thank all those who gave so generously to the appeal for toys and vouchers. 36 families were supplied with gifts, money, food and vouchers through your generosity.

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** **Baptisms**—Firstly, speak to Fr.David after Mass on any Sunday

email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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