

I available for any parishioner who needs me. My mobile number is 07554427063 Please feel free to contact me to have a chat or to have prayers or a mass said for someone.

12th—19th Dec

Sat: 12th Bridget Woods RIP  
Sat: 12th Michael, John & Alice Roche RIP

Sun: 13th Dec'd Members of the Moran Family

Sun: 13th Eamonn MacSweeney RIP

Mon: 14th Fanny Gorton RIP

Tue: 15h 9am Charles Gorton RIP

Wed: 16th Eileen O Shea

Thur: 17th

Fri: 18th Adriano Tucci RIP

Sat: 19th Louisa Goddard RIP

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[www.wantagecatholicparish.org](http://www.wantagecatholicparish.org)

[www.sacredheartlambourn.org](http://www.sacredheartlambourn.org)

### Christmas Eve Mass Times

4.30pm Lambourn (Families)

6.30pm Wantage (Families)

9pm Wantage

11pm Lambourn

### Christmas Day Mass Times

9am Wantage

11am Lambourn

Remember booking is essential.



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### 2020 Third Sunday in Advent—Year B



### Rejoice!

### God At The Wheel

What is the difference between a Christian and someone who is not a Christian but is simply a very good person? The answer is that a very good person uses his or her own agenda. A Christian testifies to Christ. John the Baptist understood this very well. John understood that he had come as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. John hadn't come to change the world

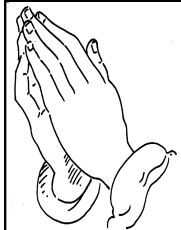
or work miracles or offer salvation ... he had simply come to prepare the way for a man who could. The gospels and the course of history are filled with men and women who have borne witness to Christ, some very famous and some we will never hear of. John the Baptist was probably the most significant because he sets the precedent. So how is John's example relevant to the rest of us?

In a legal context a good witness is someone who doesn't try to put their own interpretation on events. A good witness is someone who recognises the importance of truth and doesn't taint it with their own agenda. John the Baptist takes 'witness' to another level. We are not just to report the truth, but to channel it with understanding, humility and an appreciation of our human limitations. We provide good witness when we have done something good or clever, but are careful to give God credit for it. We provide good witness when we follow Jesus' teaching but trust in God to magnify our human effort.

Advent is a time for us to wake up and see the light. Advent is a time for us to re-assess the job we feel God has set for us and to get on with it. Advent is a time we clear the obstacles and prepare straight pathways. Advent is the time we recognise that God is at the wheel.

**Sunday Mass this week is at 9am Wantage and 11am Lambourn**

**9am on Zoom**



In your prayers, please remember all who have recently died especially Wally Flannagan. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Pete Gray, Sybil Murphy, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Cathy Longworth, Mary Derbyshire, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Cedric Andrews, and all those suffering during this pandemic Please contact the office if you would like

**Zoom Mass every weekday 10am. Sat eve 6pm  
and Sunday 9am**

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - provides practical help to the vulnerable and isolated. Our volunteers will phone or write to the elderly and housebound who are unable to visit their families at this time. Please phone 07842271596 or ask one of our members.

### Collections Thank You

If you would like to continue supporting the Church through the period of close-down your weekly/ monthly offering can be made online using this name and account number : **PRCDT Wantage St John Vianney Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01720016 Account Name: PRCDTR Wantage St. John Vianney.** Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn



## Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is 'Gaudete Sunday', the Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. If we still celebrated the Mass in Latin, we would find the Word 'Gaudete' in the first line of the Introit. It's an invitation for us to rejoice! These are the days leading up to the feast of our Saviour's birth, today we are reminded of the joy that is to come.

### Care for Our Common Home

#### Top Tips for a Green Christmas

Avoid buying wrapping paper that has glitter or foil on it. This means it cannot be recycled.

- Buy your fruit and vegetables loose and ditch all that wasteful plastic packaging.
- Buy drinks in bigger bottles rather than small ones. One large bottle generates less waste than several smaller ones.

Use the right-sized pan for the vegetables you cook, and only boil the kettle with

#### International Migrants Day 18th December 2020

"When I was born in 1925 school children were taught that there were only two sorts of people in the world: the British and foreigners – and there were a lot of foreigners. Now there are no foreigners – we are all members of the human race. My little grand-daughters went to primary school with 76 nationalities. When I used to go and visit the school it was like the United Nations and if I would speak to my grandchildren about multiculturalism, they wouldn't understand because they have Jewish friends and Muslim friends, American friends and Jamaican friends. This generation realises that we all live in a little spaceship called Earth and we have a common interest in working with each other." Tony Benn

#### Carol Concert .

Keep the date. We are having a Virtual Carol Service on **December 20th at 5pm** on Zoom. Join us to begin our Christmas celebrations together. Hymn sheets will be sent out so you can join in to your hearts content at home. You can even have mulled wine and mince pies!

**Tuesday 15th Dec. Apologies but no public Mass. Mass on Zoom at 9am. Please note change of time. Dentist!!**

**Remember to keep Christ in Christmas. Buy religious Christmas cards and ask for the special Christmas stamps**



## Two fat men on a rower!

Due to problems with the Brexit negotiations this week's ramblings will have to wait till next week apologies. But don't worry we have arrived safely in Lisbon. More next week.

God Bless and Happy Advent

### ADVENT WORDSEARCH

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