

I am available for any parishioner who needs me. My mobile number is

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15th—22nd January

Sat 15th 6pm *Beth Monaghan R.I.P.*

Sun 16th 9am *John & Wojciech Dubenski R.I.P.*

Sun 16th 11am *Gerry Madden R.I.P. (F)*

Mon 17th No Mass

Tues 18th 10am *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

Wed 19th 10am *Kathy Child's intentions*

Wed 19th Midday *Leonardo Montoya R.I.P.*

Thurs 20th 10am *Audrey McCaffrey R.I.P.*

Fri 21st 10am *Terecita O'Donaghue R.I.P.*

Sat 22nd 10am

Sat 22nd 6pm *Peter Boxall R.I.P.*

Public Mass
Wantage: Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10am
Lambourn: Wednesday 12 Noon

Saturday 6pm Wantage
Sunday 9am Wantage
Sunday 11am Lambourn

No Booking needed for weekday
Masses
Booking for Sunday Masses
essential. Please book by 5pm

Find us at:

www.wantagecatholicparish.org

www.sacredheartlambourn.org

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, Sr. Veronica O.P., Tom Carney 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.

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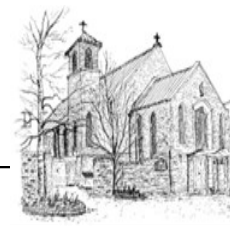


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Year C 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th January 2022



A Sign of Better Things To Come.

If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end third world poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others. St. John is concerned with showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come.

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."

PEACE SUNDAY 16th January. This year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. Visit Pax Christi website for more information <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022> To make a donation to help the work of Pax Christi, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page. Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY Tel: 0208 203 4884

Next weekend we take the annual second collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth

Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.

In response to some of the precautions taken in the previous lockdowns, a 'Give as you Live' page was also created at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

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

Other Priests in the area :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

St. Amand's School [01235 833342](tel:01235833342) . website: www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk or email office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2022 - the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal at 6pm & 9am Mass this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-Life witness is being restricted now more than ever; SPUC believes that we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please be as generous as you can to help the work of SPUC. If you are attending Mass via Zoom please consider placing a donation in an envelope (marked SPUC) and delivering to Fr David at the presbytery. Thank you.



**Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration
at St. John Vianney
Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm**

Christian Unity Week 18th -25th January 2022

'We Saw His Star in the East'.

Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

Dates/Time : 8pm daily from 18th – 25th January 2022 for 20 minutes

St. John Vianney Church will be hosting on Thursday 20th January

The Zoom link below is the same for each meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82907329371?pwd=QngrTEJqMlppcUtQMhMxYmNvM205QT09>

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