

I am 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.

8th May– 15th May

Sat: 8th

Sat: 8th 6pm Brian Green RIP

Sun: 9th 9am

Sun: 9th 11am

Mon: 10th

Tue: 11th Elsie Shepherd RIP

Wed: 12th 10am

Wed 7pm Ascension Eve.

Thur: 13th Patrick Bergin RIP

Thur 13th 7pm.

Fri: 14th Unborn Child

Sat: 15th 10am

Sat 15th 6pm Richard Diffenthal RIP

Public Mass
Wantage: Tue, Wed, Thurs
and Fri 10am

Lambourn Wed 12noon.

Sunday 9am Wantage

Sunday 11am Lambourn

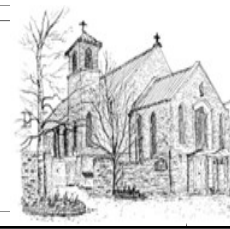
No Booking needed for
weekday Masses

Booking for Weekend Masses
essential.



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2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

Love's Guarantee



Do you jump out of bed in the morning with feelings of purpose and joy, or do you drag yourself out of bed with feelings of boredom or even dread?

Today Jesus is giving us a recipe for joy. If we determine to love our neighbours, our lives will inevitably be filled with huge purpose and great happiness. That's a guarantee! This is another guarantee. If we all knew how to love, the world would be a happier place, and as a happier place it would also be a more peaceful and a safer place in which to live.

We probably think we already know what love is, but today's challenge is to think of how many ways in which we can love. We are encouraged to think of love in practical terms. Perhaps we could start with our families, letting them know how much we appreciate them and how proud we are of them. Do we need to think of people we haven't forgiven, or wrongs that we haven't put right? Perhaps there are people we have given up on instead of seeking to understand. Do we tend to put ourselves first on a regular basis? Are there people we have overlooked or ignored? Are we lazy about educating ourselves as to the way other people live and the problems they face? Do we remember to love the strangers that we meet every day, offering them respect and a helping hand? Do we share love in the workplace, remembering not to gossip and to pull our weight? Do we remember to share our time, our money, our skills and our talents? Most importantly do we ever stop and imagine what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes.

The gospel's promise is that if we start each day determining to spread God's love, we will start to feel more complete. We will be filled with a joy for life. That's a guarantee!



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, and all those suffering during this pandemic. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list.



Parish History Project. This year we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the completion of the new Church in Wantage in 1961. To mark this momentous occasion I am hoping to have a history of the parish written and published. Do you have any information about the parish, no matter how small or insignificant? Do you have any old photographs? Can you remember anything of note? If you can help in any way please drop your contributions into the parish or email the office. I'm sure that together we can produce something special.

Exposition and Benediction Wednesday 7pm. All Welcome



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.



Pope Francis has asked for a marathon of prayer around the world throughout May for an end to the pandemic.

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). The Rosary will be broadcast on [Vatican News](#) daily at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK time). "It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God,'" read a statement.



ASCENSION DAY 13th May 2021 Ascension Day, Thursday 13th May is Forty Days after Easter and, once again, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on the day will be at 10am but, particularly for those who work or are at school, there will be a Vigil Mass the night before, (Wednesday 12th May) at 7 pm in Lambourn and an evening mass on Thursday 7pm Wantage

CARMELITE CONFERENCES Scripture and Spirituality Conferences are run from Carmelite Friary on Boar's Hill (which has been local to us and will be again once we get beyond the Zoom-only stage). Key dates at present are 10th-11th July for a Conference on St John of the Cross and 7pm on 11th July for an event called 'Teresa's Four Waters in Word, Image, and Song'. Booking for these events by 15th May attracts a 10% discount for those who quote the reference SSC10. For further details, contact: ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk

Rogation Days The three days – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – leading to Ascension Day, which is now on Thursday, used to be known as '**Rogation Days**', days originally part of the Calendar of Pagan Rome, praying for good weather and a successful harvest. Many of us, living, as we do, in a rural parish, will want to remember this older meaning, especially as we reflect, more than we usually have to, on how dependent we are on the natural world in which we live.



Travels with my bro....
Very sadly due to an outbreak of carrier pigeon flu dispatches from Spain are late this week. Work was also hampered by a capsized outside Barcelona due to Br.M's impression of Manuel from Fawlty Towers. It's true he knows nothing even though he's not from Barcelona. More next week

COVID-19 In India CAFOD Appeal

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. The country has confirmed more than 20 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths, with some reports concerned that the number of deaths is just the tip of the iceberg, because of under reporting. The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. Our Catholic aid agencies will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to front-line health workers. You can help by donating online at www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response

International Day of Families 15th May

It's within our families that we first learn the values that stick with us for the rest of our lives. The problem is that nowadays, we are so busy, that we hardly get time to talk to our children. Half the time we don't even sit down to eat together. A typical family meal time might see children eating with one eye still on the iPad and one or both parents working late. Children aren't going to adopt strong values by magic! Today is an invitation to work out how much more time we should spend with our children and how we are going to achieve it.

Care for Our Common Home Walk to Work Week 10-16th May 2021

Jumping into the car or onto a bus can be little more than a habit. More often or not, walking is just as easy an option. The benefits are obvious. Feel healthier and burn some calories, blow away the cobwebs and relieve your stress levels, save money, and most importantly, cut your environmental footprint. Remember to involve the whole family; next week is 'Walk to School Week'.

Christian Aid Week 10-16th May 2021

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms. Donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk/

Please don't forget if you have any spare seedlings, cuttings or plants I'm back in the monastery garden. Flowers or Veg anything will do! I'm turning into Brother Cadfael.