

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.

Jan 16th –23rd

Sat: 16th Janina Krokowski RIP

Sat: 16th Eileen Hendy RIP

Sun: 17th Edward Moran RIP

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Mon: 18th Fr Declan Fogarty RIP

Tue: 19th Mary Derbyshire RIP 11am

Wed: 20th Audrey McCaffrey RIP

Thur: 21st Maria Lluisa Sanches Garcia RIP

Fri: 22nd

Sat: 23rd

Mass on Tuesday is at 11am Requiem

Mass times open to attend

Mass on Sat Eve 6pm

Mass on Sunday 9am and 11am

You must book ahead as usual.

Wednesday Adoration and Holy

Hour 7pm-8pm

Rosary after Mass on Friday

Mass on Tuesday and Friday open to attend. Book ahead

While we are open for Mass please do not attend if you are shielding or in the Vulnerable group. We all need to be safe.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn

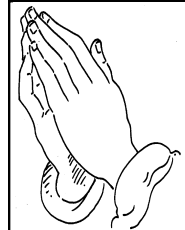


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2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B



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

Sr Hyacinthe invites you to join the Formation for Mission Team for a **Back to Basics Course on the Mass in 6 sessions** to refresh our understanding and deepen our love for the Mass. It will be taking place on **Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, from 11th January to the 15th February**. See diocesan e-news to sign up. Or Website,

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



Great Expectations

It's strange but true, that we tend to live up to other people's expectations. If someone expects very little of us, then it is likely that we will end up achieving next to nothing. Living up to high expectations can feel daunting, but the surprising thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to great expectations can make us into better people. In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform. By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to clear our 'in tray' at work, or take the car to the car wash. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening? For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. Surely amongst our resolutions for 2021, we must plan how to answer God's call.

Peace Sunday A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace 17th January 2021

Pope Francis urges us all to create “a Culture of Care as a Path to Peace -a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time.”

In this new year 2021, we should individually and collectively make up our minds about contributing to peace in our homes, community and country. As Christians, our faith teaches us that we can accomplish great things if we put on love or if our actions are motivated by love. Catholic Social Teaching also instructs that, “it is from the inner wellspring of love that the values of truth, freedom, and justice are born and grow.”

Start today, by thinking of an area of unresolved conflict within our home, community and country, and list ways in which we could be part of the solution.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January 2021

Each day during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian Aid has provided a starting point, reflection, questions and a prayer based on the theme. Here you can turn your reflections into action with our Go and Do points. This resource is hugely thought provoking and well worth reading. Our local Churches group will meet each evening for a short time of prayer. St John's leads Thursday evening.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Message from the Cathedral

Next weekend we take the annual second collection in support of your Cathedral in Portsmouth This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Due to the lockdown and restrictions being imposed on many people travelling, a 'Give as you Live' page has also been created to enable you to donate online at:

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

This Friday, 15th January is the 10th anniversary of the creation of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham and the Ordination Mgr Andrew Burnham (Parish Priest of East Hendred) Our congratulations to Fr. Andrew.

While we are currently open for public worship it is important that you keep safe. Please do not attend if you are shielding or vulnerable. We have come this far safely so let's be sensible. Of course if you are unwell or showing any symptoms you must isolate and not attend Church. If you do attend please remember that you must not socialise outside church either before or after Mass. Be safe.



Travels with my bro....

I must be honest rowing was difficult again this week. Who thought that a few weeks off to celebrate Christmas would send us back to square one. Why does fitness have to be so difficult. I'm sure there is a design fault. I'll have to have a word with the management. Thankfully energies have been raised and we are back to the good old days, almost.. It may take a few weeks to lose the post Christmas excess around the middle though. I've decided unanimously that Br.M and I are going on a diet. Much needed as some would say! I'm taking my lead from the Hairy Bikers who morphed into the Hairy Dieters. Br.M suggested the “What would Jesus eat diet” but I think its been done. The John the Baptist diet looks difficult as locusts and wild honey are difficult to source. Manuka honey (or bee spit as I call it) is very expensive and to be honest I'm not really a fan unless it is mixed with whiskey and hot water. The manna and quails wilderness diet is seasonal so that won't work. If the diet is successful we may go global. If Joe Wicks can earn 10million during lockdown perhaps Br.M and I can earn some much needed funds. The Row Yourself Skinny diet might catch on. We'll begin tomorrow as we have just found a lovely restaurant along the beach which sells delicious delicacies. Research into this region must continue diet or not. Procrastination may be the thief of time but it's also the dieters motto. As the old adage nearly goes, “*Bibe et suaviter tibi sit cras enim propter cibum victu*”. The classicists will spot the error!! Today we rowed into the beautiful little beach of Praia de Monte Clérigo which is situated by the small fishing village of Monte Clérigo. This village has lovely colourful houses, which are located on a hill on the southern side of the beach. It also has a very chill vibe to it. The view of the beach with the village in the background is just beautiful. The good thing about it is that it has *O Sargo*, a fabulous restaurant which is the perfect place for a lovely dinner. The menu is creative and the food looks awesome. Prices are slightly higher than other restaurants, but you also pay for the experience as Br.M said and we are hoping to make a few bob on the diet book he said cryptically. More next week from a slimmed down duo.