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11th—18th December

Sat. 11th 10am *Dec'd Members of McAvoy Family*

Sat. 11th 6pm *Michael, Alice & John Roche R.I.P.*

Sun. 12th 9am *Dec'd Members of Moran Family*

Sun. 12th 11am *Pro Populo*

Mon. 13th No Mass

Tues. 14th No Mass

Weds 15th 10am *Jessie & Keith Harrison R.I.P.*

Weds 15th 12 noon *Jack Nelson R.I.P.*

Thursday 16th 10am *Miss Raab (F)*

Friday 17th 10am

Sat. 18th 10am

Sat. 18th 6pm *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

#### Public Mass

Saturday 6pm Wantage

Sunday 9am Wantage

Sunday 11am Lambourn

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

Saturday 10am Wantage

Wednesday 12 noon Lambourn

No Booking needed for weekday or Saturday Masses.

Booking for Sunday Mass essential—please book by 5pm on Friday.

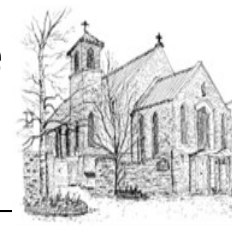
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## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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### Year C 3rd Sunday of Advent 12th December 2021



#### What Must We Do?

How many times are we shamed into saying, "I'll never grumble again!" We watch children who have life threatening illnesses finding something to smile about. We see families living in poverty, seemingly happy when they have every excuse to be deeply unhappy. We read about the men and women, who despite disability or overwhelming odds, adopt a positive attitude and achieve great things. These people are living proof that happiness doesn't come from everything being right in our lives.

The third Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete meaning to rejoice. Rejoicing, exulting, being happy and singing for joy are the themes in today's liturgy. But how are we to feel happy in a world where there isn't much to feel happy about ..... what must we do?

John the Baptist gives us the answer,

"If anyone has two tunics," he says, he must share with the man who has none."

We have all experienced the joy of giving a gift..... the inner glow that comes with knowing we have bought someone exactly what they always wanted. We experience this same pleasure in sharing what we have with those who have nothing.

To the tax collector and the soldier John says, "Exact no more than your rate. Be content with your pay."

What joy is there in gain if it's at someone else's expense? Do we really get any satisfaction at saving a couple of pence at the supermarket knowing it is at the expense of a third world farmer working for virtually nothing at all. At this season in particular we remember not to exploit those who work hard for little profit. We remember whilst doing our Christmas shopping to look for the 'Fair Trade' labels. If we are employers, we remember not to make unreasonable demands in order to line our own pockets. Most importantly this Christmas, we remember that happiness comes from being content with what we have.



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 .

**Date for your Diary Wed 22nd December—Carol Service 7pm**

#### 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' Prayer Intention for December 2021—For Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Christmas Mass Times

##### Christmas Eve:

4pm Lambourn

6pm Wantage—This Mass is for families only

9pm Wantage

11pm Wantage

##### Christmas Day

9am Wantage

11am Lambourn

**Booking is essential for all Christmas Masses**

#### Little People -

We would be very grateful for any new toys or vouchers for families in need this Christmas. Donations can be left in the box marked "Little People" in the porch.

#### Double your love for Mary's Meals this winter -Give until 31

January 2022 and your gift will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6 million. Donate online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



This week and next week, we are having a second collection to help with our Christmas decorating. If you would like to make a donation towards flowers, Christmas trees and angels, please mark your envelope "Christmas Decorations" and put it through the letterbox, or just put it into the basket at the back of

Church. If you make your donation online please mark it "Christmas Flowers".



#### 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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Sunday – The Day of the Lord

'We are all learning to live with the ravages of this deadly virus. Thankfully, now we can celebrate Mass and the sacraments in our churches. Now is the time for us to return once more, physically if we are able, to the celebration of Mass on Sunday. Sunday is indeed Dies Domini, the day of the Lord.

When we come to Mass on Sunday, we experience that lifeblood which the Lord wants to give to us from His glorified wounds.

Being only virtually present is a poor substitute. Of course, the virtual means of communication will continue to be a valued service for those who are sick or those unable to come to Church for whatever reason on a Sunday.

Our participation at broadcasted Masses was also essential at a time when there was no possibility of community celebrations. Yet no broadcast is comparable to personal participation, and it cannot replace it. The Lord stresses this physical contact when he says in St. John's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

Communications <[newsletter@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@cbcew.org.uk)>

#### Sacred Heart, Lambourn : Immediately after Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

December, the Walwyn Hall will be open for parishioners to have a pre-Christmas drink and light lunch. If you are able to attend or can donate some mince pies, cooked sausages or sausage rolls, please see Anne, Marion or Jen. Hopefully most of you will be able to come and the Hall committee looks forward to welcoming you.

**Synod Consultation**—For those who have taken and filled in a consultation form, please return them asap.

#### 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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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