

NORTH DOWNS PASTORAL AREA

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ST JOHN VIANNEY WANTAGE

SACRED HEART LAMBOURN

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Before Mass talk to God. During Mass listen to God. After Mass talk to your brothers and sisters.

We keep in our thoughts and prayers:

Diane Browne, Michael Culligan, Julie Fox, Bridie ffrench,, Eugene McEvoy (Mac), Kathleen Nelson, Daniel Pope, David Roberts, Tony Wells, Joe Emery, Noreen McCann, June Howard, Lucy Curtis, Pete Gray, John Moran, Jack Nelson, Alfie Freeman, Ellie Skehan, Tom O'Grady, John Connelly ,Mary Russell, Jo Howard, Dagmar Couchman, Alan Webb, Finn Walsh and all those whom we know and love

Advent Carol services: both on Sundays at 5pm: Dec 10th Dec. at Hungerford, and Dec 17th Dec. at Wantage. Please come !

Concert in aid of Noreen's Kids - Sunday 10th

December the Cromwell Singers, are putting on a concert in aid of Noreen's Kids. 10th Dec at 7pm at the Croft Hall in Hungerford. Tickets are £10 For further info please visit www.noreenskids.org and contact Anna and Robin on 01488 668310 or email anna@noreenskids.org

LOL Thank you for your offerings to the retiring collection last Sunday which was the monthly collection for the loan on the Our Lady of Lourdes, the total collected was £228.21 of which £185.00 was

MASS TIMES	
Sunday 10th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	
Our Lady of Lourdes Hungerford	9.00am Mass
Miss Raab's Int	
Advent carol service	5pm
Sacred Heart Lambourn	11.00am Mass
Dermot ffrench RIP	
Wed 13th Dec	
St J Vianney Penitential service	7.30pm
Thursday 14th Dec	
Our Lady of Lourdes (CP)	10am Mass
Barry Cubitt. RIP (EW)	
Sacred Heart Lambourn ()	No Mass
Saturday 16th Dec	
St J Vianney Wantage	6pm Mass
Sunday 17th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent	
Our Lady of Lourdes Hungerford	9.00am Mass
Blessed Hugh - Faringdon	9 am Mass
Sacred Heart Lambourn	11 am Mass
St John Vianney Wantage	11.00am Mass
Our Lady of Lourdes Music Group	
Choir practice on Thurs	7.30pm
Children's Liturgy 2 nd & 4 th Sunday during term time.	
5-11yr olds. Younger children to be accompanied by an adult.	

gift aided when the tax is collected this will give a final total of £274.46.

Will you be alone on Christmas Day? Would you like to join our Christmas Lunch as a helper or guest? To register your interest, please phone Catherine (Village Agent) 07717 133021; email steward.hungerfordmethodist@gmail.com; or leave a note at the CHAIN Office. Please also let us know if you would need transport to be able to attend. Venue: Hungerford Methodist Church Hall, Bridge Street RG17 0EH. This is a joint venture to benefit our community between the Village Agents and Hungerford Methodist Church.

Sacred Heart Lambourn – Please remember the Food Bank that is held on Mondays in the Walwyn Hall. We have an increasing number of people using this. Perhaps you could put an extra item in your shopping trolley every week and place your donation in the box at the back of Sacred Heart. Thank you in advance for your gift Marion.

The **Crib** offerings are for the “Friends of the Holy Land” this year. A most deserving cause.

Hungerford Carol Singing Please come and join the the Hungerford Churches Together for carol singing on Monday 11th December. They are meeting at 6.30pm at the top of Atherton Crescent and will be collecting for charity.

For why ?Last Sunday had the lowest numbers attending Masses (both here and at Hungerford) for a long time. For why ? What is the explanation ?

Pope Francis:A couple of Sundays ago he opened the doors of the Vatican to the poor, inviting them to a Mass in St. Peter's, then hosting a lunch for them. Several thousand refugees, unemployed and homeless made up the gathering. He said –“If in the eyes of the world the poor have little value, they are the ones who open to us the way to heaven. They are our passport to paradise”. Very moving action and words.

Amnesty International: they ask us to send greetings to prisoners of conscience throughout the world. The number of such prisoners is staggering. Read about the various individuals concerned.

Items for next newsletter - e-mail to mholdsworth297@btinternet.com or phone 01672520908

New Church Fund Raising - uk.virginmoneygiving.com website.

*Type in **Our Lady of Lourdes** in the Donate to Charity box and the **Our Lady of Lourdes Hungerford New Church Building Fund** title comes up; click on this title to open up the Home Page with information, a gallery of images and various ways of supporting the charity.*

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