

St John Vianney Catholic Church

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Masses in North Downs Pastoral Area:

Wantage, Sat 6pm; Faringdon, Sun 9am; Hungerford, Sun 9am;
Lambourn, Sun 11am; Wantage, Sun 11am

22nd Sunday in Ord Yr C - 29th August 2010



Help please:

We have a successful children's liturgy group which takes place in the hall during the Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 11am Mass (term time). We are really short of parents who would help – either as leaders or assisting them. Please give it a thought – and get in touch with Julie Kirk (01235 772264) or myself.

Invitation:

Sr. Rachel from the Anglican Convent (Community of the Blessed Virgin, Wantage) has invited the parishioners of St. John Vianney to visit the Convent on Thursday 30th September: we would have a tour around, then a cup of tea, then stay for Vespers at 5pm. This is very kind of the Community. We will need to know numbers a little nearer the time, but please make a note in your diary now.

A Night at the Opera:

The Passage Day Centre (Westminster) – originally opened by Cardinal Hume – helps homeless people in London . They have to fund raise – naturally – and Griff Rhys Jones is presenting this "Night at the Opera" evening with soloists.....with music by Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Bizet etc.....at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm. Advert in porch. If you fancy treating yourself then you know what to do.....Visit their website - www.anightunderthestars.co.uk

There is a Mass at the Cathedral beforehand (Archb.Nicholls). And a reception afterwards where you can mingle and meet...

Crimestoppers:

A reminder that if you want to pass on information relating to a crime and do not want to reveal yourself to the police, then simply phone this number and you will remain "anonymous" 0800 555 111.

First Holy Communion parents:

We are having our first parents' meeting in the hall this Thursday at 7.30pm. to explain what we are offering / when/ the dates for the coming year etc. It should help you understand what the preparation involves and try and answer any questions. Please come along.

There is a free copy of the Magnificat prayer book for everyone: It focuses on the visit of Pope Benedict. Copies will be offered during Masses this week-end. A really valuable book.

The good news:

Delighted to hear a number of charity spokesmen saying how generous the public here had been in responding to the Pakistan disaster. It is encouraging to hear some of the good news amidst the bad, and I think we can be proud of such a response. References were made to countries which had not been generous so far – names were not given. Why not ?

Retreat: St. Anthony of Padua, Oxford:

You are welcome to come to a spiritual Retreat at this Church in Headington Way, on Friday 24th, Sat. 25th and Sunday 26th September (7pm – 10pm, 10am – 5pm, and 2pm – 9pm respectively) . Snacks and refreshments available. Preached by the Rev. Dr. Augustine Valloran and his team from Kerala, India. The theme of the retreat is "Christian Life in the modern world". For more information, please see poster in porch. Recommended. Contact Fr. Aldo Tapparo 01865 762964 (or 423788)

Guidelines from parish safety officer:

During an evacuation of the Church, both doors next to the organ should be opened, and then closed when everyone is outside. The "Fire Assembly point" is in the car park near the front wall of the Presbytery – there is a notice on the wall to that effect. Bernard Connolly is our safety officer. Fire wardens have responsibility for the above.

Mass timetable and intentions:

Sat.	6pm.	Josie, Jack & Michael Kneafsey. RIP. (RE)
Sun.	9am.	Roger Andrews' welfare. (DF) Hungerford.
Sun.	11am.	Private Intention.
Wed.	10am.	Eileen Vann. (FM).
Thu.	10am.	People of our parish. Hungerford.
Thu.	7.30pm	1 st H. C. parents' meeting. Hall.
Frid.	10am	Ellen Newton. RIP. (D, MM).
Frid.	pm.	office matters: call / phone.
Sat.	11am.	Confessions, and 7pm.

Congratulations to Brother Gus at Kintbury on the occasion of the anniversary of his first vows - this Friday. We thank him for all his good pastoral work in and around the parish. Ad multos annos !

Pastoral area website:

www.northdownsrcchurches.org.uk Read all about it....

P.S. The Pakistan Disaster Fund (via Cafod) reached £800 (it was £717 last week). Many thanks. This excludes the £200 sent earlier.