

29th August —6th September

Sat 29th 10am *Murphy Family int.*

Sat 29th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 30th 9am *Lai-chun Wu RIP*

Sun 30th 11am *Kevin Moran RIP*

Mon 31st 10am *Kathleen Perry RIP*

Tues 1st 10am *Ifeoma Eze and Chantel Eze (in Thanksgiving)*

Weds 2nd 10am *Kathy and Ken Roberts RIP*

Weds 2nd 12 noon (**Lambourn**) *Ken Trotter RIP*

Thurs 3rd 10am *David Elsmore RIP*

Fri 4th 10am *Eileen Vann (F)*

Sat 5th 10am *Banks Family RIP*

Sat 5th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 6th 9am *In Thanksgiving*

Sun 6th 11am (**Lambourn**) *Christina Tynan RIP*



QR Code to
Register as a
Parishioner

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Gloria Allen, Canon Peter, Ken Trotter, and Lai-chun Wu and those whose anniversaries occur around this time . Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Pam

Robinson.

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am– 1pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 5:00pm on Thursday.

The Parish Administrator is Mrs. Gwen McCourt

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 :

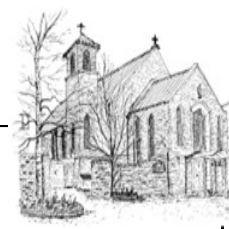
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St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year A 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th August 2026



Satan's Favourite Trick

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?

Dates for your Diary—

A tale of Beatrix Potter, a dramatised story of her life and colourful animal creations.

Walwyn Hall, Tuesday September 1st 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Under 16s free

Tickets available from Anne or Marion after mass, Goodies cafe, or 07564 984210

The Young Disciples will meet in the church after Mass on Sunday 13 September. If you have made your First Holy Communion, but have not yet been confirmed, please join us!

Evangelium Course Holy Rood Church, within the Hinksey parish, are running an Evangelium course, starting Friday 4th September. Sessions will be every Friday, 7pm to 9pm, in term time, ending on Friday 19th March 2027. – 25 sessions in all. The course is free and is designed for all who want to know more about the Catholic Faith: whether you are starting with little or no knowledge at all, or seeking to grow in the faith, or simply curious to find out how it all works. If you are interested in attending, please email the Hinksey church office directly at office@hinkseyparish.org or email evangeliseabingdon@outlook.com for more information.

Douai Abbey is offering a full and varied programme this autumn. Please see the poster at the back of church.



Please keep in your prayers, all of our young people and teachers who will be returning to school this week.

Are you off to University? Most universities have a Catholic chaplaincy, providing a real home from home. A good chaplaincy will also organise social events, and will of course offer daily Mass. Check to see if your university has a Catholic Chaplaincy Facebook page.

Pope Leo Quote Seeing Christ in “the lives of the weakest and most vulnerable” enables us “to grow as a human and Christian society.”

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration**
St. John Vianney
7-8pm

Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm

Kim Leadbeater’s ‘**Terminally Ill End of Life (Adults) Act**’ having run out of time in the House of Lords, is being brought back by Lauren Edwards MP. The second reading will be on 11th September. It is vital that as many people as possible write to their MP asking him/her to oppose this Bill. There are several organisations which provide good information, which can be included in your letters. They include ‘Right to Life; www.righttolife.org.uk ‘Not Dead Yet’ www.notdeadyetuk.org and the ‘Augustine Bioethics Network’ www.abnethics.org. Every letter is important. Only 12 MPs need to change their minds for the Bill to be defeated.

Calling parents and children for pre– registration for First Holy Communion. Classes will begin in September. If your child will be seven by 30 May 2027 please register. Classes will run on Saturday mornings from

Roof Repairs. Work began on the roof of St John Vianney on the 11th August with the scaffolding being erected followed by the subsequent works. It may mean a few spaces for carparking being taken near the church. We hope to keep the disturbance to a minimum so please bear with us. The work is costing £50,000 so donations very welcome.

Child Registration

We are now in the phase of adding children to our parish database. Please use the QR code here to register your children. This is very important for those who will be joining the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes next September.



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**

Parish Safeguarding ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038

Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338