

Mass Times 29th October - 5th November

Sat 29th 10am *Sue Maher's Ints.*

Sat 29th 6pm *Private Intention*

Sun 30th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 30th 11am *Brian Fisher R.I.P.*

Mon 31st No Mass

Tues 1st 10am All Saints Solemnity

Tues 1st 11:30am *Manning Family R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Tues 1st 6:30pm

Wed 2nd All Souls 10am *Murtagh/Godwin Families*

Wed 2nd 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Wed 2nd 7pm *Deceased of Begin and Green Family*

Thu 3rd 10am *Caspers Family R.I.P.(F)*

Fri 4th 10am *James & Eva O'Connor R.I.P.*

Sat 5th 10am *Noel Monahan R.I.P.*

Confessions:

Saturday 10:30—11am
or by appointment.

11am Mass on Sundays
and 12 noon Mass on
Wednesdays are at Sacred
Heart Lambourn and are
not available on Zoom.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Georgina Cave, Neil Murphy and Bridget May Knight, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Aldo Piras, Daniel Reilly, Tina Ann Turner, June Timms, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little, John Miller, Horace Tuson, Angela Hopper, John O'Flynn Gorman and Mervyn Scott. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Margaret Wilson, Fr. Robin Sanders, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, Gloria Allen and all those suffering at this time. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list .

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

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Year C 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th October 2022



Salvation For All

We are invited to church to worship God but there are huge numbers of people who have never set foot in a church and have no intention of finding God. These are the people that Jesus is determined to seek out and save. Jesus doesn't wait for people to seek him out, he seeks them out first. To Jesus it doesn't matter to what depths someone has sunk, salvation is still an option.

Zacchaeus is an example of the most despised of crooks. He is a chief tax collector who has made great wealth on the back of his oppressed fellow Jews. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves and murderers. Because they were in the employment of the Romans, Jewish tax collectors were regarded as traitors by their own people. Although hugely wealthy, Zacchaeus must have felt lonely and isolated. He certainly makes a good subject for a parable that tells us how Jesus reaches out to the lowliest and most despicable.

On this particular day, Zacchaeus, curious to catch a glimpse of Jesus runs ahead, and being of small stature climbs up into a tree. But although it is Zacchaeus who wants to see Jesus, it is actually Jesus who spots Zacchaeus and tells him that he will be dining at his house that day.

It is disappointing that we don't get to hear what went on between Jesus and Zacchaeus at that meal, but we do know that Zacchaeus was suddenly a changed man. We don't know what was said, but we do know Jesus' intention. Jesus had come to save those who were lost. To be lost means to become disassociated with the person God wants us to be. Jesus has a talent for looking beyond sin to the people we can become. Somehow Jesus was about to show Zacchaeus who he could really be.

The parable of Zacchaeus is a great comfort to us, however low we have sunk, Jesus is determined to seek us out and show us a better way.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November -For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Cold and flu season is upon us - If you feel unwell or are displaying symptoms please test for covid before coming to Mass, It is important that we protect each other and be more considerate towards those who may be vulnerable. Thank you.



Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be in the hall at 2.30pm on Monday 31st October. Anyone is welcome to attend. There is a list in the porch where you can put the names of those you'd like us to pray for.

St. Amand's Catholic School Open Day - on Thursday 3rd November, for new children starting school in September 2023. Contact the school on 01235 833342 to book one of the following times to visit: 9:30am, 11am, 1:30pm

Red Box—please could you bring your red boxes to Church for counting during November. If you are unable to get to Church, we can arrange to have your box collected.



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Little People - we are looking for:
Warm winter clothes for a little girl, size 3-4ys
Child's bedding, single and cot size.
Table and chairs suitable for a small kitchen.
Many thanks for your support.

St. John Vianney Food Bank Collection
Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the box marked “Food Bank” in the Church porch.

Refreshments after 9am Mass on Sundays - in the hall, all welcome.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596 Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074

All Saints Solemnity 1st November - Following in the footsteps of the saints is not about becoming a saint overnight. Saints are just real people who have struggled through crisis and frustration to live their faith. Following God's blueprint for discipleship is about starting out with small steps. Take one element from the Beatitudes and practise it. You might choose to be more patient with your relatives, gossip less at work, or heal a family rift. Today, take one small step towards making the Beatitudes your way of life.

All Souls Feast Day 2nd November - Fr. David will bless the graves of deceased parishioners at Chain Hill cemetery 2pm

Saint Charles Borromeo Feast Day 4th November - Born in 1538 in Aron, Italy, Charles Borromeo founded schools for the poor, seminaries for clerics, and hospitals for the sick. He instituted children's Sunday School and worked tirelessly among the sick and dying during the plague.

Dates For Your Diary:

Pandemonium Christmas Concert/Social Evening - Friday Dec 9th, 7:30pm. In Church hall. In aid of Church funds. Guest Artist: Pete Orton. Raffle and refreshments! Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Parish Retreat Day - Saturday 10th December - Will begin with Mass and will include talks, Adoration and Benediction. Everyone welcome to attend either all or part of the day. Bring your own lunch.

Christmas Carol Service Sunday 18th December, 5pm at St. John Vianney.

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. If you have any items you'd like included in the newsletter, please email them to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

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 Rep Barbara Jarrett is our contact for all adult and child safeguarding issues. Please contact Barbara through the parish office.

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

Other Priests in the area :
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