

Mass Times 27th September - 4th October 2025

Sat 27th 10am *Kathleen Popkiss R.I.P.*

Sat 27th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 28th 9am *Private Intention*

Sun 28th 11am *Jean and Pauline Randall R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 29th 10am *Private Intention*

Tues 30th 10am *John Neale R.I.P.*

Weds 1st 10am *Miss Raab R.I.P. (F)*

Weds 1st 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 1st 7pm *Holy Hour and Benediction*

Thurs 2nd 10am *Mary Rogers R.I.P.*

Fri 3rd 10am

Sat 4th 10am *Patrick Mambo R.I.P.*

Sat 4th 6pm *Pro Populo*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Dawn O'Neil, Mark Marlesford, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Kathleen Popkiss, Mary Rowlands, Aldo Piras, Tina Turner, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little,

John Miller, Horace Tuson, Angela Hopper, John O'Flynn Gorman.

Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Meriel Afia, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan 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 :

CDP 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.

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St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn

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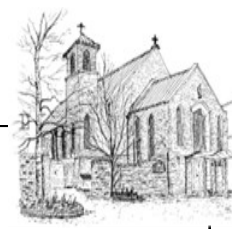
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Year C 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th September



A Warning from the Grave?

We are always being told what to do to improve our lives. We are forever being told what to eat to make us healthier, and live longer. We are told what to put on our skin and hair to look better. We are given advice on how to invest and how to improve our homes. This is all well and good, but could all this advice be making us self-obsessed? Are we more worried about

our receding gum lines than the orphans in Africa? Are we more concerned with interest rates than the plight of refugees fleeing war? Today we are asked, 'What would it take to show our fellow man some compassion?'

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the door of a rich man hoping to feed on the crumbs from the rich man's table. Sadly the rich man never notices Lazarus and Lazarus dies. Lazarus is taken to heaven, but then the rich man dies and is taken to hell where he suffers terrible torment. The distraught rich man begs to send a ghost to warn his brothers that damnation is a reality, only to be told that he should have listened to the prophets when he'd had the chance.

We'd like this story to be about the super-rich, but it's about each and every one of us. After all, how rich is rich and how poor is poor? Jesus never tells us how much we are allowed to earn before we're in trouble! What really matters is what's in our heart. The rich man in the story isn't necessarily a bad man; he's simply indifferent to the poor. We are in trouble when we see need around us and fail to respond. At the end of the day, this parable isn't primarily about rich people being barred from heaven and poor people sailing in ahead of us. The parable is intended to make us listen and learn while we still have the chance. We will probably never have the benefit of ghosts coming back to warn us of the fate that will befall us if we remain indifferent to the suffering of the poor. We have the Bible and the words of Jesus to set us on the straight and narrow. We ignore the Bible's wisdom at our peril.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for September - For our relationship with all of Creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Join us for refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass on Sundays.

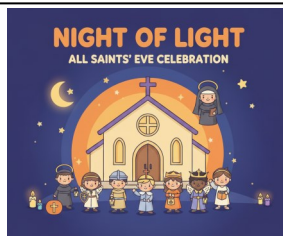


Atlantic Coast Challenge - Chris Boxall will be running the marathon again on 4th October.

This year Chris is raising funds for **Medecins Sans Frontieres**, particularly for Gaza. You can read his statement and make donations on his just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/chris-boxall-2> or there is a sponsor form on the notice board.

Dates For Your Diary

Night of Light - Friday 31st October 5pm for a celebration of All Saints - An evening of activities, food and fun for children aged 5+
Booking details to follow. Volunteer helpers much appreciated! Please speak to Tom or Rachel Cobb



Quiz and Puddings Night

Friday 14th November at 7pm.

Raffle tickets will be on sale prior to and on the evening.
Proceeds will go to SVP.

Little People - we are currently looking for boys clothes, age 14 years. If you can help, donations can be left in the food bank box in the porch. Thank you.

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

Scripture Study
An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings
Tuesdays 7-7:30pm.
On Zoom using same link as for Mass.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) -

If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office .

Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Feast Day

29th September - Archangels are messengers of God sent to direct, guide, defend and protect us. The following is a daily prayer written in honour of the three archangels we remember on this feast day.

"Heavenly Father, You have given us archangels
to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid,
fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News;
I ask him to help me clearly hear your voice and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel;
I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know,
lift it up to your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.

Help us O Lord, to realize more fully the
reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us".

Holy angels, pray for us.
Amen.

Caring for our younger members

Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the toilets at Church.
This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Repository Christmas Cards and Gifts - if you would like to order crib figures and or stables, please have a look at the Christmas brochure in the repository cupboard leaving your name and product details on the form provided so Maria Walker can place the order.

Office Hours: Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm, Thursday and Friday 11am to 2:30pm.
Please email any items for the newsletter 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 ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn
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Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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