

## Mass Times 9th - 16th November 2024

Sat 9th 10am

Sat 9th 6pm

Sun 10th 9am *Dec'd Member of Shaw & Bertrand Families R.I.P.*

Sun 10th 11am *John Walsh (Lambourn)*

Mon 11th 10am *Dec'd Members of Lazarus Family R.I.P.*

Tues 12th 10am *James and Eva O'Connor R.I.P.*

Weds 13th 10am *Dec'd Members of McAvoy & Fitzgerald Families R.I.P.*

Weds 13th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 14th 10am *Margery Hanson R.I.P.*

Fri 15th 10am *Dec'd Members of McCaffrey and Thomas Families R.I.P.*

Sat 16th 10am

Sat 16th 6pm *Chris Read R.I.P.*

**Confessions: St. John Vianney Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment**



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Marie Moss, Margery Hanson and Kathleen Popkiss, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Reginald Todd, Barrington Vaughan, Mark Tobin, Kathleen Leeson, Joan Uridge, Francis Williams, Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Susanna McFeely, Dick Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, Robina Ryder, Robina Johnstone, Julie Moynihan, Margaret McGivern, Teresa Bowler Mabel Capell. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, Dot Armstrong, 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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### Year B 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th November 2024



### When the Chips Are Down

Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting our house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives 'playing dixie', not living the way we ought to all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wake up call. Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgement day, but not in a 'playing dixie' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspect that we are close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour or the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the most fruitful way to live. The trick is, to prioritise on a daily basis. How much of what we do is 'life and death'? How much of what we do is genuinely important? Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching, and God's priorities will endure.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For November. For anyone who has lost a child**  
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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



### Blessing of Graves

Saturday 16th November 11:30am  
At Chain Hill Cemetery.



**Wednesday 13th November**  
**Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration**  
**For the Dignity of Human Life**  
**St. John Vianney Wednesday Evening 7– 8pm**

**It's not too late to write to your MP - The Anscombe Bioethics Centre** has published "Assisted Dying" to inform people who are writing to their MP. The guide gives information on how to contact your MP, includes an article on eight reasons why we should not support euthanasia and assisted dying, and also has a guide on the latest evidence from countries where assisted suicide has been legalised. Visit the Anscombe Centre website for more information [Anscombe Centre Publishes Resource Guide on 'Assisted Dying' \(Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide\)](#) | [Anscombe Bioethics](#)  
On 29th November, MPs will vote on whether to introduce this extreme law. We still have copies of the template letter which you can use to contact your MP and ask him to vote against the bill.

**Scripture Study** - Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

**Mission Red Box Holders** - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during November. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio.



**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** - we are collecting this year for Stirlings Care Home. We can take medium sized containers (225ml) of body wash, shampoo, body lotion, as well as soap and hand cream, to make up into Christmas gift bags. We can't take sachets—the items above are easier for residents to open and use. Donations placed in the box marked SVP in the porch will be much appreciated.



**Office Hours** -Tuesday 11-1:30 Thursday & Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

**November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls.** We make a particular effort during this month to pray for all of the deceased and to have Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed.



### Quiz and Puddings Night

**Friday 22nd November 7pm.**

at St. John Vianney Hall

Ticket £5 or Family Ticket £20 to include puddings, teas and coffees.

Raffle prizes—donations welcome

**Tickets are available this weekend after each Mass.**



**Volunteer keyboard Player Needed**  
for Christmas Masses. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

### Other Dates For Your Diary

**Children's Christmas Party** at St. John Vianney Saturday 14th December 2-4pm. Come along to decorate the crib and Christmas trees and join in other activities.

**Carol Service** at St. John Vianney Sunday 15th December 5pm.

**Phoenix Brass Band Concert** Walwyn Hall Lambourn Sunday 15th December 2:30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments. Please contact Anne Strickland on 01488 71580 for tickets. Raffle prizes and sausage rolls required, contact Marion.

### 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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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