

27th September —4th October

Sat 26th 10am Elaine & Martin Kealy's Int.

Sat 26th 6pm Edna Sheen RIP

Sun 27th 9am Pro Pop

Sun 27th 11am (**Lambourn**) Pauline Randall RIP

Mon 28th 10am Miss Rabb (F)

Tues 29th 10am Heather Gardener RIP

Weds 30th 10am Helen's Int.

Weds 30th 12 noon (**Lambourn**) James Folan RIP

Thurs 1st 10am Caroline McCourt's Int.

Fri 2nd 10am Mary Rogers RIP

Sat 3rd 10am Steve Murphy's Int.

Sat 3rd 6pm Pro Pop

Sun 4th 9am Delia Cunningham RIP

Sun 4th 11am Bernard Moran 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 :

CDP Wantage St John Vianney

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01720016

Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the



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Year A 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2026



The Definition of Insanity.

There's a well-known saying that goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

We all know what it's like to have endless good intentions, but the good intentions are worth little if we don't actually roll our sleeves up and get things done.

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get around to it. Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle with those repetitive behaviours that inevitably lead to the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

**Dates for your Diary—Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese
Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm -St Bede's, Basingstoke**

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the **Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day**. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Friday 23rd October—'The Cross and the Camen' is the subject of the next in the series of talks at St. Hugh's Faringdon. For more details or to book a place, please email pbfh.bucklandandfaringdon@gmail.com, or see the poster at the back of church.

Friday 2nd October— is CAFOD's Family Fast Day This Harvest, CAFOD is inviting parishes to help children have the food and safe water they need to learn. There are envelopes at the back of church, if you wish to donate. Please send these directly to CAFOD.

16-18 October—The sisters of Mary Morning Star are holding a 'Come and See' weekend. If you are a young woman 18-35 and think the contemplative life may be for you, you can contact them at: srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com. To discover more have a look at their website: www.marymorningstar.co.uk.

The Good Counsel Network is a pro-life charity that offer practical help and advice to women in crisis and difficult pregnancies. They also organise prayer and fast days, the next of which is on **Monday 28th September**. They ask that people please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

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

**Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm**

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.

September 29th St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael.

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they are not human; they are Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel

Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask for his intercession to be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

October 1st is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the 'little flower', one of the best known and favourite saints of the calendar. She entered the Carmelite order at the age of 15 and died at only 24 years of age. She became known for a small book, 'The Story of a Soul'. Devotion to her spread quickly and Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed her a doctor of the church in 1997. You can find out more about St. Therese at: www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_19101997_stherese_en.html

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