

## Mass Times 17th - 24th September

Sat 17th 10am *Private Intention*

Sat 17th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 18th 9am *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

Sun 18th 11am *Kelly Fearn R.I.P.*

Mon 19th 9.30am

Tues 20th 10am *Edna Green R.I.P.*

Wed 21st 10am

Wed 21st 12 Noon *Paul Farrelly R.I.P. (F)*

Thu 22nd 10am *Jimmy Boyce R.I.P.(F)*

Fri 23rd 10am

Sat 24th 10am

## Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm



**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.**

Find us at [www.wantagecatholicparish.org](http://www.wantagecatholicparish.org) and [sacredheartlambourn.org](http://sacredheartlambourn.org)



**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**

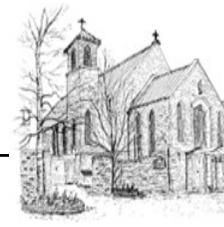
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**Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.**

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## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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### Year C 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th September 2022

#### God's Apprentice



Today's is a strange and difficult parable. A dishonest businessman is caught squandering and is faced with dismissal. The businessman sees a bleak future ahead of him and without a minute to waste sets about making some shrewd though dodgy deals to secure his future. We sit back waiting for his come-uppance, but it doesn't happen! In fact, the businessman is applauded for his shrewdness. This rogue businessman shares much in common with our twenty first century businessmen and women. The rogue businessman is talented, skilled ambitious and plausible or he wouldn't have been taken on as a manager in the first place. The manager has the ability to look into the future, decide what he wants from life and make the necessary plans. More importantly he works as though his life depends upon it without a moment to waste. This man could've achieved great things but for one thing. Money! Money has the power to corrupt each and every one of us and the man in today's story was well and truly corrupt. Nevertheless, Jesus tells us that the 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. What if we could get up at six every morning, knock back a quick cup of coffee and set about God's work. What if we were to work tirelessly solving the world's problems barely stopping for lunch and getting home late every night. What if we were to use our skills and talents to persuade others to invest in our cause? What if we were to work with one eye on our ultimate destination keen to secure our place in heaven? The world would certainly be a very different place. To achieve it we would each need to make God our master and not money. The real difficulty in this story is not in understanding Jesus' unexpected choice of subject, but in adhering to his mandate. "No slave can serve two masters.... You cannot serve God and wealth."

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - *For the abolition of the death penalty***

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

#### **The State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen will take place on**

**Monday 19th September at 11am**

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

Amen.



**Scripture Study** beginning this Tuesday 20th September 7pm on Zoom. Please email the parish office if you need the Zoom link

**Readers' Course** 22nd September at St. John Vianney - 7pm

#### **Bishop Philip's 10th Anniversary Mass**

On 29th September at 11am in St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth, there will be a Mass of celebration giving thanks to God for the 10th anniversary of our Bishop. You are most welcome to attend.

#### **Training for Altar Servers**

Wednesday 28th September

4pm at St. John Vianney

**Children's Liturgy** - for children between the ages of 4 and 8. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Mass.

**We are still looking for volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy.**

**Toy Collection for Afghan refugee children** - we are currently collecting new or good quality toys for a group in Thame who are running a Saturday club for Afghan children. Suggested items: Floor puzzles, Duplo or building bricks, colouring books or any creative toys for non English speaking children. Donations can be left in the Church porch. Thanking you in anticipation.

**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

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### **The Second Collection this weekend is for Evangelii Gaudium - Home Mission**

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, tells us more about the day in his video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZORlvqhw3S0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZORlvqhw3S0)  
Donations can be made online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday> or place your donation in the basket in the Church porch.

### **St Matthew Feast Day 21st September**

One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Levi the tax collector. Jesus said to him: "Follow me," and leaving all behind, he arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, a publican abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. We know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.

#### **Refreshments after 9am Mass on Sundays -**

everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee in the hall.

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

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Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

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