

15th August —23rd August

Sat 15th 10am *Ted Legassick's int.*

Sat 15h 6pm *Jimmy Green RIP*

Sun 16th 9am *Julia McCourt and Aleks Winiarski int.*

Sun 16th 11am *Julia McCourt and Aleks Winiarski int.*

Mon 17th 10am

Tues 18th 10am *Pro Pop*

Weds 19th 10am *Patrick Bergin RIP*

Weds 19th 12 No Mass

Thurs 20th 10am *Petre Valceanu RIP*

Thurs 20th 7pm *Vigil Requiem Canon Peter RIP*

Fri 21st 10am *No Mass*

Sat 22nd 10am *Miss Caspers RIP*

Sat 22nd 6pm *Andy Pledge RIP*

Sun 23rd 9am *Marian Burczynski RIP*

Sun 23rd 11am (*Lambourn*) *Jean Randall RIP*



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Register as a
Parishioner

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Canon Peter and Ken Trotter, 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.

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

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Year A Assumption of the BVM 16th August 2026



The Key to Life's Challenges

How do we live our lives? Do we feel overworked, overwhelmed anxious and tired? Do we feel unable to make an impact on the world around us? Do we suffer from negative feelings of inadequacy, failure, boredom or of panic? When we are at our lowest ebb we might ask for God's help, but few of us would consider completely putting our trust in God or expecting any fulfilment in return. It's exactly this

that makes the Blessed Virgin Mary so special. Mary's trust in God and her lifelong fidelity have made her the model disciple. Mary presents to us the key to life's challenges when she says, "...He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty...." Mary addresses two driving forces that come up again and again in our lives and our society; self-interest and the use of power to get our own way.

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real, day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

Date for your Diary:

A tale of Beatrix Potter, a dramatised story of her life and colourful animal creations. Walwyn Hall, Tuesday September 1st 7.30pm
 Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Under 16s free
 Tickets available from Anne or Marion after mass, Goodies cafe, or

Requiem Mass for Ken Trotter will take place on Monday, 24th August at 1:30pm, at Sacred Heart Lambourn. All are welcome.

The Assumption of Mary is one of the most cherished and solemn teachings in the Catholic faith. It holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven by the power of God.

This is not simply a belief that Mary went to heaven after death — it is the specific teaching that her body, like her Son's risen body, was not subject to the ordinary corruption of the grave. She was taken up whole, in the fullness of her person, body and soul together, into heavenly glory.

On November 1, 1950 — the feast of All Saints — Pope Pius XII formally defined the Assumption as a dogma of divine and Catholic faith in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. His solemn proclamation declares it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

This was an exercise of papal infallibility, meaning Catholics are called to believe this as a revealed truth.

Funeral Arrangements for Canon Peter RIP.

Canon Peter's remains will be received into St John Vianney on Thursday 20th August. Vigil from 5pm with Rosary. A Requiem Mass at 7pm
 Followed by refreshments Canon Peter's Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip will be at English Martyrs Didcot at 10am on Friday 21st August followed by burial at Chain Hill Cemetery. Refreshments will be served at St John Vianney Hall after the funeral on Friday. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

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

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

Kim Leadbeater's '**Terminally Ill End of Life (Adults) Act**' having run out of time in the House of Lords, is being brought back by Lauren Edwards MP. The second reading will be on 11th September. It is vital that as many people as possible write to their MP asking him/her to oppose this Bill.

There are several organisations which provide good information, which can be included in your letters. They include 'Right to Life; www.righttolife.org.uk 'Not Dead Yet' www.notdeadyetuk.org and the 'Augustine Bioethics Network' www.abnethics.org. Every letter is important. Only 12 MPs need to change their minds for the Bill to be defeated.

Calling parents and children for pre- registration for First Holy Communion. Classes will begin in September. If your child will be seven by 30 May 2027 please register. Classes will run on Saturday mornings from 10:00am

Roof Repairs. Work began on the roof of St John Vianney on the 11th August with the scaffolding being erected. 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. You can use the Dona machine or just give into the main account mentioning the Roof. If you are a gift aider remember we can claim an additional 25%. Thanking you all in advance.

Scaffolding Parents please be careful of the Scaffolding as you go to the Hall. Children going to the Hall must be accompanied by an adult. Please do not let children climb on or interfere with the scaffolding.

There will be choir practice after Mass on August 9th and 16th.

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 :

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