

Mass Times 21st - 28th September 2024

Sat 21st 10am Sharon Dawson's Ints.

Sat 21st 6pm Edna Green and Lorraine Fernandez R.I.P.

Sun 22nd 9am Ann Cole's Ints.

Sun 22nd 11am Pro Populo (Lambourn)

Mon 23rd 10am Private Intention

Mon 23rd 11:45am Funeral Peter Young R.I.P.

Tues 24th 10am In Thanksgiving

Weds 25th 10am Jinnie Brown's Ints.

Weds 25th 12 Noon (Lambourn)

Thurs 26th 10am Graham O'Connor R.I.P.

Fri 27th 10am John Thomas Davies R.I.P.

Sat 28th 10am Patrick Mambo R.I.P.

Sat 28th 6pm Ruby and Mervyn Hill 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 Peter Young, Margaret Monahan, Savannah O'Brien, Peter Shaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Mary Rowlands, Mark Barrett, Mary Moss, Daniel Reilly, Aldo Piras, Tina Turner, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Eugene McEvoy, Marie Moss, 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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd September 2024



Aspiring To Come Last

Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent.

Instinctively they know Jesus will not approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk of life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing. God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom, we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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

Formation Day for Readers - St. Bede's Basingstoke RG24 9DX - Saturday 19th October 9:30am to 2:30pm. See poster in the porch.

Living Prayer Podcast - provided by the Carmelite Friars at Boars Hill, Oxford. "Welcome to our Living Prayer Podcast, a weekly journey designed to deepen your spiritual life, and unveil the beauty of prayer as a sacred friendship with God". Use this link to sign up [Podcasts - Carmelite Friars](#)

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

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

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 .

If you would like to volunteer or just to know more about SVP, we are having an informal meeting on Thursday 10th October at 7pm. Contact the office for more details.

Donations to SVP can be made to this account:

Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you again for your support.



St Amand's Catholic Primary School, East Hendred - Please visit our friendly school to see how much a Catholic education has to offer. If you would like to know more please contact the Headteacher Mrs Ellery on [01235 833342](tel:01235833342) . website www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk or email office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

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.

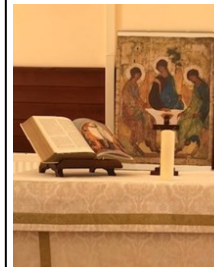
Welcome to members of the Catenians who will be visiting us this weekend to talk about their work. Please join them in the hall after 9am Mass for tea/coffee/ chat.

Our prayers and best wishes to all who are going off to university over the next couple of weeks. Remember to search out the Catholic chaplaincy, which provides a real home from home. A good chaplaincy will also organise social events, and will of course offer daily Mass. Check to see if your university has a Catholic Chaplaincy Facebook page.

September is the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, when we remember the intense suffering and grief of Mary during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, we also meditate on the seven colours or seven sorrows of Mary. For a method of saying the Dolorous Rosary copy and paste this link into your browser: [www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/sevendolors.pdf#:~:text=The%20Rosary%20of%20the%20Seven%20Dolors%20of%](http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/sevendolors.pdf#:~:text=The%20Rosary%20of%20the%20Seven%20Dolors%20of%20)



Children's Liturgy - for children aged 4 to 8 years. Catechists and helpers prepare a simplified liturgy in the hall for this age group. The carpeted area at the back of Church is supplied with colouring pages, crayons and books, for younger children/ toddlers. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Church to take part in the Mass.



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

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Other Priests in the area :

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