

4th July — 12th July

Sat 11th 10am *Malcolm Pierce RIP*

Sat 11th 6pm *Tudor Morgan RIP*

Sun 12th 9am *Pro Pop*

Sun 12th 11am (*Lambourn*) *Harriet and Alex's int.*

Mon 13th 10am

Tues 14th 10am *Libby Dawson's int.*

Weds 15th 10am *Gill and David Koch's int.*

Weds 15th 12 noon (*Lambourn*)

Thurs 16th 10am

Fri 17th 10am

Sat 18th 10am

Sat 18th 6pm *Dereck Wollard RIP*

Sun 19th 9am *James O'Connor RIP*

Sun 19th 11am (*Lambourn*) *Robin Pope RIP*



QR Code to
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Parishioner



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Year A 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th July 2026



Listen, Reflect, Respond.

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those

of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.

The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently?

It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this . Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter.

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

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

Dates for your Diary:

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP This popular camp is run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and will be on 17th to 21st August this year at St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury RG17 9SR for youths aged 11-17. For more information and to book, please visit: <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp-2026> or email contact@fanningtheflame.co.uk.

12th July (after Mass) **Young Disciples** will meet in the Church after 9am Mass.

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.

Today there is a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)

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.



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

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

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 –12:15. See Fr. David after Mass. For more information.

Young Disciples—Calling all Young Disciples!

If you have made your First Holy Communion, but are not yet confirmed, 'Young Disciples' is for you. Starting today, 12th July and continuing every 2nd Sunday of the month, 'Young Disciples' will meet in the church after Mass. The meeting will take a maximum of 20 minutes and will provide an opportunity to ask questions, and discuss any topics or issues that are on your minds. It will also be an opportunity to catch up with friends.

Parents can enjoy a cup of coffee and a piece of cake in the Hall

Children's Area at the back of St Johns. We are blessed that we now have so many children using our special area at the back of church. We need to make sure that it is only used by the very young children. Children of school going age (Year 3 and above) may need to sit with their parents in the body of the church.

Do You Have Experience in PR/Communications?

The Pastoral Area Design Team urgently needs support from someone with PR/communications experience to help improve parishioner communication and engagement at this important stage. If you have skills in this area and could offer even a few hours each month, your help would make a real difference. Please contact Fr. David, as soon as possible to find out more.

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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