

Mass Times 26th August - 2nd September

Sat 26th 10am

Sat 26th 6pm Jimmy Green RIP

Sun 27th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 27th 11am Sarah Magee R.I.P. (Lambourn)

Mon 28th 10am Maureen Logan R.I.P.

Tues 29th 10am Peter Shaw's Ints.

Tues 29th 1:30pm Requiem Mass for Valerie Moulton R.I.P.

Weds 30th 10am Kathy Perry R.I.P.

Weds 30th 12noon (Lambourn)

Weds 30th 7pm Holy Hour

Thurs 31st 10am

Fri 1st 10am

Sat 2nd 10am

Sat 2nd 6pm John Charles Reece R.I.P.

Confessions:

Saturdays
10:30 to 11am
or by
appointment.

All Masses at
St. John
Vianney
are on Zoom.
Masses at
Sacred Heart
Lambourn
are not
available on
Zoom.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



Parish Priest: Fr. David O'Sullivan

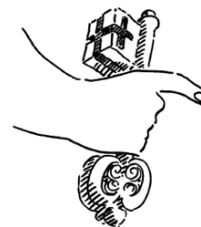
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Year A 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th August 2023



The Key

Who do you think Jesus is? As small children we are told that Jesus is the Son of God, and we accept it readily. When we are children, God is a kindly father figure who lives in Heaven and listens to our night prayers. When we are small, Jesus is the baby we see in the Christmas Nativity scene. When we are a little older, Jesus is the teller of all those intriguing parables. Once we are young adults, we see Jesus as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles and a revolutionary. For some of us, doubts creep in. Is Jesus really the Son of God or simply a good man and a great prophet?

In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ," replies Peter promptly, "the Son of the living God." But this wasn't Peter's opinion from the start. Peter and the other disciples first met Jesus as a fellow human being. By working with Jesus and following his ministry daily, Peter and the other disciples gradually came to the extraordinary conviction that God was working through Jesus; speaking, healing, working miracles and offering eternal salvation.

Today we listen again to Jesus' question. "Who do you say I am?" It seems that the question is stretching over the centuries. It seems that the question is aimed not just at the disciples but at us. Jesus doesn't want us to give the answer we've been taught to give ... our answer has to be from the heart. Our answer might be, "I don't know!" Our answer might be, "I'm not very sure right now." Or our answer might be a resounding, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows that faith is a journey and our answer reflects at exactly what stage of that journey we have reached.

It may be that we think of Jesus as little more than a good man and a great prophet. If this is what we believe, the Bible becomes little more than a book filled with good stories and sound philosophy. If like the disciples we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God, all at once we are opening ourselves to great possibilities.... all at once we have found the key to life's greatest adventure.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Chris Baker, Valerie Moulton, Ian Smith, Elizabeth Wright, Les Walker, Michael Petterson, Kathy Child, Patricia Senior, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Neil Murphy, Maria Costello, Kathleen Perry, Jim Bryan, Edward Bateman, Jennifer Randall, Robert Carter, Fr. Leo Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Ellen Newton. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August - For World Youth Day

We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Closer to Christ Campaign

Thanks to the support of our whole parish, I am delighted to inform you that the parish has surpassed its goal of £45,000, raising just over £60,000 to date. My heartfelt thanks to everyone that has ensured the success of this campaign in St John Vianney and Sacred Heart! For those yet to pledge there is still time.

CAFOD - Come and find out about CAFOD's work on Saturday 9th September at St Bedes Basingstoke.

CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting a meeting so that volunteers and supporters can find out more about our work . The meeting is on Saturday 9th September at St Bedes Church hall ,Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30 am to 12:30pm at this meeting Philippe Mougins CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about our work in Pakistan after last year's floods. Please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo at jlewry@cafod.org.uk

Returning from your holidays with unused foreign cash? Please consider donating your remaining coins/notes to help with the work of SVP. Donations can be placed in the jar marked "Cash 4 Coins" at the back of Church.

Bitesize - God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us — in the dreariest and most dreaded moments — can see a possibility of hope. *Maya Angelou*

Important Safeguarding Notice - we are committed to ensuring that all are safeguarded while attending Mass and other activities in our Church. Our main toilet is just inside the Church door and not visible to us during Mass, so please could parents accompany their child if they need to use the facilities.



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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Contact us through the parish office or on this number 07842271596. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.

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DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023

**May the Holy Spirit guide the clergy and people
of our Diocese in our mission
to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church.**



The Beheading of John The Baptist - 29th August

John the Baptist was one of those dangerous sorts of people who had an uncanny knack of calling a spade a spade, the sort of person you're a bit afraid to invite to a family function in case they upset everyone. Where most of us get through life trying not to offend anybody, John was the sort of person who could not keep quiet if he saw injustice or wrongdoing. He spoke publicly of Herod's corrupt behaviour, and even when Herod put him behind bars, John continued to speak out. Of course, it was speaking out about Herod's marriage to Herodias that eventually led to his death.

No one is suggesting that we hurt people's feelings by telling them unkind truths, but we are asked to make a stand against bullying, gossip, injustice, oppression, neglect, greed and cruelty. We might not want to tread on toes by speaking up, but if we want our voice to endure beyond the grave, now isn't the time to pussyfoot.

March for Life - Saturday 2nd September.

Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am in Westminster Cathedral by Bishops John Sherrington, Richard Moth and John Keenan. The march begins at 1.30 pm outside the Cathedral. For more information go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>

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

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. please email any items for the newsletter 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

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