

## 8th August —16th August

Sat 8th 10am *Michael Moran RIP*

Sat 8th 6pm *Barbara Vaughn RIP*

Sun 9th 9am *Pro Pop*

Sun 9th 11am *Delia Folan RIP*

Mon 10th 10am

Tues 11th 10am *Adam and Anna Koch int.*

Weds 12th 10am *Eugene McCaffrey's ints.*

Weds 12th 12 noon (**Lambourn**) *Margaret Tynan RIP*

Thurs 13th 10am *Elaine Kealy's Ints*

Fri 14th 10am *Gareth Koch int.*

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

Sat 15th 6pm *Jimmy Green RIP*

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

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



QR Code to  
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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th August 2026



### Rock the Boat

What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life

safely?

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered or initiate a local community project .... a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't have obeyed the call to walk on water, he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith. It's said that the safest place to be is not in the boat at all; the safest place is out on life's seas, because that's where Jesus is!



### Canon Peter Turbitt, R.I.P.

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of Canon Peter Turbitt, one of our retired priests, who died on 19th July 2026. Peter Turbitt was born in Blaydon-on-Tyne, Tyne and Wear on 3rd December 1943. He was one of three siblings and his brother died a few years ago. He is survived by his sister Mary. Following formation at Ushaw, he was ordained to the priesthood

on 10th March 1968 at St Joseph's, Blaydon, Durham by Bishop James Cunningham for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. He was later incardinated into the Diocese of Portsmouth in 1974. Fr Peter first served as an assistant priest at Sacred Heart, Fareham until 1976, followed by the Annunciation, Netley from 1976 to 1980 before his first appointed as Parish Priest for St Patrick's, Jersey, until 1983 when he was appointed as parish priest of St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park until 1989. He was then appointed to St John Vianney, Wantage in 1989 and then Coordinating Pastor of the North Downs Pastoral Area in 2010, additionally becoming Dean in 2016. In 2015 he was additionally appointed parish priest of Sacred Heart, Lambourn and Our Lady of Lourdes, Hungerford, and of Blessed Hugh Faringdon, Buckland and Faringdon. He was invited to join the Chapter of Canons of the Diocese in 2001. He was also a member of the Council of Priests. Canon Peter Turbitt retired in 2019 when his thirty-year tenure as parish priest was recognised by Wantage Town Council when he was awarded the Freedom of Wantage. Let us thank God for his loving service to the people whom he was called to serve. May the Lord grant him eternal rest in the love that he so generously served through his ministry. Hear with favour our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Peter, your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints. Amen. Source: Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 542

### 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk) 'Not Dead Yet' [www.notdeadyetuk.org](http://www.notdeadyetuk.org) and the 'Augustine Bioethics Network' [www.abnethics.org](http://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 –12:15. See Fr. David after Mass. For more information.

**Roof Repairs.** Work begins on the roof of St John Vianney on the 11th August with the scaffolding being erected followed by the subsequent works. 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.

**Volunteers needed** to help with Refreshments after the Requiem Mass on Thursday and also on Friday at noon, as mourners will be coming back to the Hall after the burial. See Fr. David if you can help. All refreshments have been supplied. Only teas and coffees are required.

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

#### Other Priests in the area :

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