

Mass Times 9th - 17th September

Sat 9th 10am *Jane King R.I.P.*

Sat 9th 6pm *Pauline Lambe R.I.P.*

Sun 10th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 10th 11am *Ines & Vinny McGiff R.I.P.*
(Lambourn)

Mon 11th to Friday 15th incl - No Weekday Masses

Sat 16th 10am No Mass

Sat 16th 6pm *Sharon Dawson's Ints.*

Sun 17th

Sun 17th 11am *Pro Populo* (Lambourn)

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

Welcome to
Canon Peter
who will be celebrating
Masses for us on the
weekend of 16th/17th
September.

Confessions: Saturday 9th 10:30 to 11am

No Confessions on Saturday 16th September

**Confessions will be available on Saturdays at Our Lady and St. Edmund in
Abingdon 11-11:30am**



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Tom Carney, Chris Baker, Valerie Moulton, Ian Smith and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Mary Rowlands, Daniel Riley, Aldo Piras, Tina Ann Turner, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little.

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, 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 A 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 2023



No Man Is An Island

To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else. Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name...." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Join us in hall for refreshments after 9am Mass



First Holy Communion Preparation -

If you would like to enrol your child for the course which will begin at the end of September, please email the parish office or pick up a registration form from the back of Church.

Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter will be read at Masses this weekend. Copies are available at the back of Church

Bitesize - Nobody stands taller than those willing to stand corrected. ~William Safire

Online seminar with Sherry Weddell on Tuesday 21st November...

Exploring strategies for all Catholics to fulfil their mission to bring people closer to Christ. *Engaging the Disengaged* is about how to accompany the non-religious person in daily life. Everyone is invited to sign up—tickets cost £10 and booking is through [Engaging the Disengaged \(How to Accompany Non-religious persons\) Tickets, Tue 21 Nov 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)



Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 11th September at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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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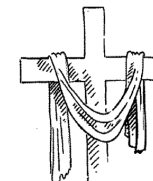
May the Holy Spirit guide all those beginning, or returning to, academic studies in the coming days.



The Second Collection this Sunday is for Education Sunday and is for the Catholic Education Service. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools in England and Wales, educating over 850,000 pupils. If you would like to give to the collection, please donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-education-service-second-collection-2023>.

Or place your donation in the basket at the back of Church

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast Day 14th September - "Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)



Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day 15th September remembering Our Lady's suffering as foretold by Simeon "...and a sword will pierce your own soul too, so that the secret thoughts of many will be laid bare." (Luke 2:35) 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%20the

Ethnic Mass - In honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz (1st Filipino/Chinese Saint) Saturday 23rd September at 1:30pm St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth PO1 3HQ



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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