

12th September —20th September

Sat 12th 10am *Graham O'Connor RIP*

Sat 12th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 13th 9am *Sharon Dawson's Int.*

Sun 13th 11am (**Lambourn**) *Martin and Elaine Kealy's Int.*

Mon 14th 10am *Tony Rawlinson RIP*

Tues 15th 10am *No Mass*

Weds 16th 10am *No Mass*

Weds 16th 12 noon (**Lambourn**) *No Mass*

Thurs 17th 10am *No Mass*

Fri 18th 10am *No Mass*

Sat 19th 10am *No Mass*

Sat 19th 6pm *Vi and Gordon Talbot RIP*

Sun 20th 9am *Marian Burczynski RIP*

Sun 20th 11am *Pro Pop*



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 Gloria Allen, Canon Peter, Ken Trotter, and 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.

The Parish Administrator is Mrs. Gwen McCourt

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



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Year A 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th September 2026



Time to Forgive

Forgiveness is difficult. We read about the victims of horrendous crimes and wonder how those people could ever begin to forgive - we even question why they should have to. Most of us know how hard it is to forgive even a small grudge once it has been left to fester. Many of us know what it is like to excuse

ourselves with "... Well she started it so she should really apologise first," or, "It's his problem not mine." There are limits on our forgiveness. Why should we accept the apology of someone who has let us down repeatedly? Why if we have given someone every last chance should we be expected to forgive yet again? Yet Jesus tells us that we must forgive "...not seven times, but seventy seven times."

If there should be no limits to our forgiveness perhaps we should begin by looking at what makes it so difficult to grant genuine forgiveness. Anger probably comes top of the list. We don't want people to get away with hurting us. Pride often stands in our way too. Forgiving someone often involves an element of 'climbing down'. Also close to the top of the list of obstacles comes a lack of understanding. When we hear of a crime, whether it is small or large, we always ask "Why?" It seems that in order to forgive, we must first understand what has made the other person do what they have done.

Today's readings suggest that in order to make it easier to forgive others, we should look at how often we have asked God to forgive us, often for the same failing. This is the lesson in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding the servant who was unable to forgive that he himself was forgiven. How could the servant expect his master's forgiveness if he could not forgive others? Remembering how we have been forgiven makes us more compassionate when it is our turn to forgive.

Dates for your Diary—

Sunday 13th September The Young Disciples will meet in the church after Mass. If you have made your First Holy Communion, but have not yet been confirmed, please join us!

Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese

Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm -St Bede's, Basingstoke

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the **Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day**. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Education Sunday 13th September

On Education Sunday, we give thanks to the Lord for the vocations of all who work within the Catholic sector: the teaching and support staff, chaplains, school leaders and governors. It is through their commitment and hard work that pupils and students in our schools, colleges and universities can thrive and contribute to society, through their formation and education.

Care for Our Common Home Sustainable September

Getting your garden ready for the winter is a great way to make sure your green space is doing the best it can for you and the planet. Think about building a compost with all the leaves and spent material that will be falling into your garden.

Are you off to University? Most universities have a Catholic chaplaincy, providing 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.

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration**

Scripture Study

Roof Repairs. Work began 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.

Mary's Meals

On Education Sunday remember not only our own children but the children in developing countries. Consider supporting a charity like 'Mary's Meals'. This is a charity with a simple premise, the idea is to provide every child in school in developing countries, with one good meal a day. Just £19.15 can provide a meal for one child for a whole year. Consider donating online at www.marysmeals.org.uk

Freedom Under Grace Publication date 15th September

In his first book of original, never-before-seen writings, Pope Leo XIV offers readers around the world a window into the spiritual foundation that would lead him to the papacy—in his own words before his election. Before becoming Pope Leo XIV, Robert Francis Prevost had never published a book. But shortly after his election to the papacy, Leo chose these previously unpublished texts to become his first published collection of writings: Freedom Under Grace. This wide-ranging book captures the heart of his spirituality, forged by the conviction that “man is not defined by what he possesses or what he knows, but rather by what he loves.” (Available Penguin Random House)

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.



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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