

### Mass Times 22nd - 29th October

Sat 22nd 10am *Denis O'Driscoll R.I.P.*

Sat 22nd 6pm *Liam Dawson's Ints.*

Sun 23rd 9am

Sun 23rd 11am *Pro Populo*

Mon 24th No Mass

Tues 25th 10am *Charlotte McCaffrey's Ints.*

Wed 26th 10am

Wed 26th Midday *Michael Gannon R.I.P. (F)*

Thu 27th 10am

Fri 28th 10am

Sat 29th 10am

### Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm



**Confessions:  
Saturday 10:30—11am  
or by appointment.**

**11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.**

Find us at [www.wantagecatholicparish.org](http://www.wantagecatholicparish.org) and [sacredheartlambourn.org](http://sacredheartlambourn.org)



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Georgina Cave, Neil Murphy and Bridget May Knight, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Aldo Piras, Daniel Reilly, Tina Ann Turner, June Timms, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little, John Miller, Horace Tuson, Angela Hopper, John O'Flynn Gorman and Mervyn Scott. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Margaret Wilson, Fr. Robin Sanders, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, Gloria Allen 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 :

**PRCDTR 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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## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn

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### Year C 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd October 2022



### Exam Result Mentality

Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made all the more meaningful by the fact that others have done less well. If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we look down on others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? Do we measure our own righteousness against the poor decisions of others? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges? As we forge our individual relationships with God we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping one eye on our own failings.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October—*For a Church open to everyone*

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



**Prayer Group** The parish prayer group is pleased to be starting to meet together regularly in the hall. The group began about fifteen years ago with the purpose of praying in support of our parish priest and the parish community. We had a long gap in our meetings due to Covid. Our next meeting will be in the hall at 2.30pm on Monday 31st October. Anyone is welcome to attend. The session usually lasts about one hour. We meet once a month and try to vary the times between 2.30 and 8pm to suit those who work during the day. There is a list in the porch where you can put the names of those you'd like us to pray for and this is used at each meeting where we pray for each person by name. The list is then kept in the prayer folder present at each meeting.

**St. Amand's Catholic School Open Day** - on Thursday 3rd November, for new children starting school in September 2023. Contact the school on 01235 833342 to book one of the following times to visit: 9:30am, 11am, 1:30pm

**Cold and flu season is upon us** - If you feel unwell or are displaying symptoms please test for covid before coming to Mass, don't just assume it's a cold. It is important that we protect each other and be more considerate towards those who may be vulnerable. Thank you.

**Little People** - we are looking for:  
Warm winter clothes for a little girl, size 3-4ys  
Child's bedding, single and cot size.  
Table and chairs suitable for a small kitchen.  
Many thanks for your support.

**St. John Vianney  
Food Bank Collection**  
donations of non-perishable items  
can be left in the box marked  
"Food Bank" in the Church porch.

**Garage Roof** - in urgent need of attention. A temporary fix had to be done as water was leaking onto the boiler but the roof needs replacing at a probable cost of around £10,000. If you feel able to help, your donations will be greatly appreciated. If donating by bank transfer, please enter "Garage Roof" as a reference.

**Refreshments after 9am Mass on Sundays** - in the hall, all welcome.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596 Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074

### The Second Collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday

#### 'You shall be my witnesses' – Acts 1:8

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence, and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event. And every penny, pound, and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.



#### Saint Jude and Saint Simon - Feast Day October 28th.

Saint Jude or Thaddaeus, not be confused with Judas Iscariot, is invoked in desperate or hopeless situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh and difficult circumstances. Saint Simon was surnamed the 'Zealot' for his enthusiastic adherence to the Jewish and Canaanite laws.

**Save The Date:** Friday Dec 9th, 7.30pm. Church Hall.  
Christmas Concert/Social Evening. In aid of Church funds.  
Lead by Pandemonium with Guest Artist: Pete Orton. Raffle, and refreshments!

**Save Another Date!** Parish Retreat Day - Saturday 10th December  
Will begin with Mass and will include talks, Adoration and Benediction. Everyone welcome to attend either all or part of the day. Bring your own lunch.

**Office Hours** -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. If you have any items you'd like included in the newsletter, please email them 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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Other Priests in the area :  
Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038  
Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

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