

Mass Times 7th - 14th September 2024

Sat 7th 10am *In Thanksgiving*

Sat 7th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 8th Sept. 9am *Mary and Peter Bowen's Ints.*

Sun 8th 11am *Vinny and Ines McGiff R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 9th to Friday 13th inclusive **NO MASS**

Sat 14th 10am **NO MASS** or **CONFESSIONS**

Sat 14th 6pm *Bernard Hale R.I.P.*

The nearest weekday Masses are at:

East Hendred: Tuesday to Thursday 9am (St. Mary's) Friday 8:30am
(Hendred Manor Chapel) Saturday 9am (St. Mary's)

Didcot: English Martyrs Wednesday 9:30am and 6pm
Friday 9:30am Saturday 9am

Confessions: St. John Vianney Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Peter Young, Margaret Monahan, Savannah O'Brien, Peter Shaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Mary Rowlands, Mark Barrett, Mary Moss, Daniel Reilly, Aldo Piras, Tina Turner, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Eugene McEvoy, Marie Moss, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, 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.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year B 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2024



Opening New Possibilities

It seems the older we get, the more we learn to keep our mouths shut! Over the years we have learned that speaking from the heart can get us into trouble. Perhaps saying what is on our minds might not earn us the reputation we would like. It might not fit in with our sophisticated image to admit that we are afraid, or neurotic, or in need of help. We tend to avoid issues that we've learned to keep private... money, relationships, and religion are possibly the top three subjects

we have learned to keep to ourselves.

Today's gospel reading gives us at first impression a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man. After a few more readings however, we realise that the point of the miracle is a sign that Jesus was the Messiah. It was a sign that the Jews of that time would have expected of a Messiah. It had long been prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed, and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. More than this, by choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to God's salvation. When it comes to matters of faith, many of us have a bit of a speech impediment. Sadly, in this day and age, people who talk openly about their religious beliefs can be viewed as odd, and so we keep our mouths shut. On matters of conscience that are difficult to speak out on, we become selectively deaf. Today's gospel points out the wrong in keeping our beliefs private. Time and time again, Jesus shows us that God's love is available to everyone without prejudice. Time and time again Jesus shows us that love and acceptance can open up whole new possibilities in broken lives. Our faith cannot be limited to one hour on a Sunday morning. We are invited to 'open up' and share the possibilities God offers with everyone we meet.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation - If you would like to enrol your child/ young person in our preparation groups which will begin in the autumn, please email the parish office or speak to Fr. David after Mass.

New Missals - The new version of the Sunday Missal will be in use from the beginning of Advent so all parishes will have to buy new sets for each of the three liturgical years. If you would like to help towards the cost (£5.95 each) you can donate using the card machine, directly into the bank account, the basket at the back of Church, or in an envelope clearly marked "Missals". Many thanks to those who have already made donations.

Are you daunted by the size of the Catechism of the Catholic Church? Follow Fr. Mike Schmitz on a 365 day journey through the Catechism to see how the essentials of our faith are rooted in Scripture and Tradition and how it can deepen your relationship with the Church. [The Catechism in a Year | Sign Up – Ascension \(ascensionpress.com\)](http://ascensionpress.com)

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" in the Church porch.

Little People - After a quiet summer we are busy again, so any donations of clothes, etc. would be very helpful. At the moment we are particularly in need of 7-8yr boys clothes. So far this year we have given clothes to 130 children which have been much appreciated.

Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th September at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.



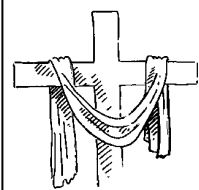
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office . Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.



September is the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, when we remember the intense suffering and grief of Mary during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, we also meditate on the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary. 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%20Feast%20Day%20of%20Our%20Lady%20of%20Sorrows is on 15th September.

Congratulations to the family of Joseph Mills-Rogers who will be celebrating his Baptism this weekend. Our best wishes and prayers go to their family on this very special occasion.



The Triumph 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)

The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.

Thank you to Monsignor Burnham who will be celebrating Masses for us over the weekend of 14th/15th September.

Office Hours -Tuesday 11-1:30 Thursday & Friday 11am to 2:30pm. 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

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Other Priests in the area :

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