

5th September —13th September

Sat 5th 10am *Banks Family RIP*

Sat 5th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 6th 9am *In Thanksgiving*

Sun 6th 11am *Christina Tynan RIP*

Mon 7th 10am *Hildegard Mayhew RIP*

Tues 8th 10am *Ken Trotter RIP*

Weds 9th 10am *Tony Rawlinson RIP*

Weds 9th 12 noon (**Lambourn**) *Ines and Vinny McGiff RIP*

Thurs 10th 10am *In Thanksgiving*

Fri 11th 10am *Gwen McCourt's Int.*

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

Sat 12th 6pm *Pro Pop*

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

Sun 6th 11am (**Lambourn**) *Martin and Elaine Kealy's 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 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



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year A 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th September 2026



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.

Dates for your Diary—

Sacred Heart Lambourn— Sunday 6th September. Please pop into Walwyn Hall after Mass, for tea, coffee, and social time together.

Sunday 13th September The Young Disciples will meet in the church after Mass.

September. If you have made your First Holy Communion, but have not yet been confirmed, please join us!

The SVP will be selling raffle tickets this morning after the 9am Mass.

Thursday 10th September 6:30pm-The Evangelisation & Formation Team are meeting at the Presbytery. If you would like to join the team, 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

Thank you to everyone who came to the Beatrix Potter evening on 1st September in Lambourn. The evening raised £489.

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**
St. John Vianney
7-8pm

Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm

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 'Not Dead Yet' www.notdeadyetuk.org and the 'Augustine Bioethics Network' 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

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.

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 :

Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038

Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338