

Mass Times 5th - 12th October 2024

Sat 5th 10am *Melanie Longworth R.I.P.*

Sat 5th 6pm *Edna Green R.I.P.*

Sun 6th 9am *Delia Cunningham R.I.P.*

Sun 6th 11am *Bernard Moran (Lambourn)*

Mon 7th 10am *Sean Kealy's Ints.*

Tues 8th 10am *Tracy Vigors & Family Ints.*

Weds 9th 10am *Pro Populo*

Weds 9th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 10th 10am *John Bernard Hale R.I.P.*

Fri 11th 10am *Wayne Peter Shaw R.I.P.*

Sat 12th 10am *Annick Williams' Ints.*

Sat 12th 6pm *Pro Populo*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Catherine Popkiss, Jack Badger, Peter Young, Margaret Monahan, Savanah O'Brien, Peter Shaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Paul Burgoyne, James Dorrian, Charles McMahon, Leresia Antonio, Ellen Skehan, Bridget Kent, Michael Cox, Elizabeth Westall, Lily Barclay, Anthony Keenan, Alice Ashby, Margaret Williams.

Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Richard Heron, 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.

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Year B 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th October 2024



To Love and To Cherish

It's easy to make promises in the first flush of romance. "I'll love you forever" and "I've only eyes for you," trip off the tongue easily. When we're young the idea of marriage is romantic and highly desirable. The vows we make when we marry don't seem too difficult. In sickness and in health? We don't imagine that our spouse might become an alcoholic or succumb to a disability. For richer or poorer? We don't think that our partner will lose his or her job or become swallowed up in bad debt. For better or worse? We don't think for a moment that our loved ones will fall out of love with us and look elsewhere. So what happens when things go wrong? Does God really expect us to stay in abusive or loveless marriages?

This week's gospel text is one of the most heatedly debated passages in scriptures. "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." These are tough words for those who cannot make their marriage work. Yet the gospel is more about the hardness in man's heart than an instruction on marriage and divorce.

At the time Jesus spoke these words divorce was permitted. It was a man's prerogative to 'dismiss' his wife for little reason. The wife was very much a disposable possession. It was this attitude that Jesus abhors in his answer to the Pharisees. In a world where marriage was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, Jesus condemned the hardness in men's hearts and called them to look at God's plan that from the beginning of creation male and female should become one.

Of course we don't hold the same attitudes today, or do we? Sadly the answer is yes. We are surrounded by quick fix relationships, couples that only stay together while the going is good; couples that promise nothing and make no commitment; couples that are in it only for what they can get.

Marriages fail for all sorts of reasons, not always anyone's fault - this is a reality. It is hard to imagine that God would want us to stay in a marriage where we were the subject of abuse or real misery, but what we know for sure is that we shouldn't enter into the sacrament of marriage with the attitude that it is simply a contract with a let out clause if things go wrong. We enter marriage believing it to be a relationship in which we can love and cherish.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention October - For a Shared Mission

When bishops and lay people meet for the second part of the Synod on Synodality during October, the faithful are asked to pray that "the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way."

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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - Open Meeting 10th October

If you would like to volunteer or just to know more about SVP, please come along to an informal meeting on Thursday 10th October at 7pm. Contact the parish office for more details.

Donations to SVP can be made to this account:

Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you again for your support.



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

The liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted in 1573 by Pope Pius V to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. This year we pray the Rosary especially for world peace. *"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours."* (Pope Pius XI.)

Thank you to those who have volunteered for various duties.

Readers training will be Saturday 26th October 11:30am

Fire Marshals training Saturday 19th October & Sunday 20th after Masses

Special Ministers training will be Saturday 19th October at 11:30am

Scripture Study -

Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

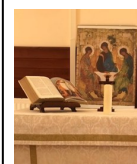
**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney Wednesday Evenings 7- 8pm**

A thought-provoking read for Advent - *Joy to the World, How Christ's Coming Changed Everything, and Still Does*. Scott Hahn poses the question "Who is the hero of the Christmas story?" then goes on to show how Christmas is a family story, the hero of Christmas being a family, an "earthly Trinity" which gives us a "first glimpse of Heaven".

The Second Collection this weekend is for CAFOD Family Fast Day

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are invited to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help others. Envelopes at the back of Church.

Atlantic Coast Challenge - our prayers and best wishes to Chris Boxall who will be running the first marathon section from Padstow to Perranporth today (Friday 4th October). Chris is raising money for CAFOD. There is still time to add your name to Chris' sponsorship form on the noticeboard and/or place a donation in the blue collection box provided.



Children's Liturgy - for children aged 4 to 8 years.

Catechists and helpers prepare a simplified liturgy in the hall for this age group.

The carpeted area at the back of Church is supplied with colouring pages, crayons and books, for younger children/toddlers. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Church to take part in the Mass.

ST Amand's School East Hendred

School Open Days

16th October @ 9:30am

21st November @ 1:30pm



Please contact the school for more information and to book your place

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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
email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

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

Fr. Domini Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338