

Mass Times 2nd - 9th September

Sat 2nd 10am *Pete and Sandy Gray's Ints.*

Sat 2nd 6pm John Charles Reece RIP

Sun 3rd 9am *Mark Butterworth R.I.P.*

Sun 3rd 11am *Kevin Moran R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 4th 10am *Pro Populo*

Tues 5th 10am *Tom Carney R.I.P.*

Weds 6th 10am *Tom Carney R.I.P.*

Weds 6th 12noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 6th 7pm **Holy Hour**

Thurs 7th 10am *Private Intention*

Fri 8th 10am *Mary and Peter Bowen's Ints.*

Sat 9th 10am

Sat 9th 6pm

Confessions:

Saturdays
10:30 to 11am
or by
appointment.

All Masses at
St. John
Vianney
are on Zoom.
Masses at
Sacred Heart
Lambourn
are not
available on
Zoom.



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Year A 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2023

Accepting Our Crosses



Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block

to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Tom Carney, Chris Baker, Valerie Moulton, Ian Smith and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Mary Rowlands, Daniel Riley, Aldo Piras, Tina Ann Turner, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little.

Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Closer to Christ Campaign - Thanks to the support of our whole parish, I am delighted to inform you that the parish has surpassed its goal of £45,000, raising just over £70,000 to date. Next week will be the last push to reach those who have been away. Heartfelt thanks to everyone that has ensured the success of this campaign in St John Vianney and Sacred Heart! For those yet to pledge there is still time.

A BIG THANKYOU to everybody who has donated food and children's clothes to Little People and the Children's Clothes Bank. So far this year we have been able to help over 100 children and give food to many local families. Without your generosity it wouldn't have been possible.

CAFOD - Come and find out about CAFOD's work on Saturday 9th September at St Bedes Church Hall, Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX—10:30 am to 12:30pm. To book your place so that we have an idea of numbers, email jlewry@cafod.org.uk



Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 4th September at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

SVP Cash4Coins—thank you for donating unused foreign currency in the jar at the back of Church.

Important Safeguarding Notice - we are committed to ensuring that all are safeguarded while attending Mass and other activities in our Church. Our main toilet is just inside the Church door and not visible to us during Mass, so please could parents accompany their child if they need to use the facilities.

Scripture Study - Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom



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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Contact us through the parish office or on this number 07842271596. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023

May the Holy Spirit guide all those beginning, or returning to, academic studies in the coming days.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - feast day 8th September. According to Tradition, Anna and Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, were infertile but prayed for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace. *Franciscanmedia.org*

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 colours 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

March for Life - **Saturday 2nd September** begins at 1.30 pm outside Westminster Cathedral. For more information go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>

Right to Life "The Church values birthdays, like the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we commemorate this coming Friday. Let us pray for the health and safety of all babies born so far this year and due to be born in the months to come. Lord hear us"

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. 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 :
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Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332