

Dates for your Diary—

Sunday 11th October – They Young Disciples will meet after Mass at the back of church. If you have made your 1st Holy Communion, please join us!

Friday 16th October – Pizza, Pray, Play. 6pm – 7:30pm If you have made your First Holy Communion and are 16 years and under, come along to our new group, which will meet monthly in the Hall on a Friday evening. There will be pizza, games, and a little theology too!

Friday 23rd October—’The Cross and the Camen’ is the subject of the next in the series of talks at St. Hugh’s Faringdon. For more details or to book a place, please email pbfh.bucklandandfaringdon@gmail.com, or see the poster at the back of church.

Saturday 31st October - Night of Light evening - a fun, activity packed evening for children age 5+ (and their parents) celebrating the lives of the saints and Jesus as the light of the world. More details and link for booking to follow!

The month of October is dedicated to our Lady. It also features the feast of ‘Our Lady of the Rosary’ on October 7th. It is a good time to add an extra rosary to our prayers. If you don’t say the rosary, why not say one in during October? Saying the rosary once a week with the family is a great way to pray together.

If you aren’t sure how to pray the rosary, there is a good explanation on this link: www.rosarycenter.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary/

Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to unite in praying the Rosary every day during October, “with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict.” He also asks us “to accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering

Pope Leo quote:

“Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world.” — Address to representatives of the media, May 12, 2025.

Volunteers Needed! Could you help with the running of the Walwyn Hall? There is now an urgent need to add to those who help. See Charles Lochrane after Mass if you can help.

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

**Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm**

St. Amand’s in East Hendred is our local Catholic Primary School.

They will be holding open days on 15th October and 10th November. If your child is nearing primary school age you can book a place on one of the open days. Telephone: 01235-833342 or email: office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk
Please see the poster at the back of church.

You will see in the ‘**Dates for your Diary**’ that we are beginning a new initiative on Friday 16th October. ‘**Pizza, Pray, Play**’ is a monthly meet-up for children and young people, aged 8-16. There will be food, fellowship, games and prayer. We welcome feedback once the meet-ups are underway, so that we can develop the evenings into the most enjoyable and informative format possible. So, if you are aged 8-16 and would like to meet with other children and young people come along to the Parish Hall at 6pm on Friday 16th October.

‘**Do you enjoy reading books**, especially murder mysteries? A first time author from this Parish is looking for a volunteer reviewer or two and an editor, to work on their murder mystery, set in the Valley of the Racehorse and the Sacred Heart.’

If you think this is for you please see Fr. David.. (The prospective author will make a donation to charity by way of remuneration).

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. Please do not register a child until you have registered yourself



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

10th October – 18th October

Sat 10th 10am *Pam McNichol's Int.*

Sat 10th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 11th 9am *Ifeoma Eze and Chantel Eze int.*

Sun 11th 11 am (Lambourn) *Ken Trotter RIP*

Mon 12th 10am *Michael McDonagh int.*

Tues 13th 10am *Ifeanyi John-Paul Ugwu's int.*

Weds 14th 10am *Catherine Gray RIP*

Weds 14th 12 noon (Lambourn) *Maureen Topley RIP*

Thurs 15th 10am *Mary Dorrian RIP*

Fri 16th 10am *Renato Racioppo RIP*

Sat 17th 10am *Barbara and David Heath RIP*

Sat 17th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 18th 9am *Maria and Krzysztof Burczynski's int.*

Sun 18th 11am (Lambourn) *Dominico Pagliaroli RIP*



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.

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Year A 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th October 2026



Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment? In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices

one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the

parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is. Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.