

## Mass Times 26th October - 2nd November 2024

Sat 26th 10am

Sat 26th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 27th 9am *Amoz Izeke & Family R.I.P.*

Sun 27th 11am *Brian Fisher R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 28th 10am

Tues 29th 10am

Weds 30th 10am *Pete Gray R.I.P.*

Weds 30th 12 Noon **No Mass at Lambourn**

Thurs 31st 10am

Thurs 31st 7pm **Vigil Mass for All Saints Solemnity**

Fri 1st 10am **All Saints Solemnity.** *Fr. Robin Sanders R.I.P.*

Fri 1st 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Sat 2nd 10am **All Souls Feast Day** *Dec'd Members of Green & Bergin*

*Families and Friends R.I.P.*

Sat 2nd 6pm *Tudor Morgan BEM R.I.P.*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially **Kathleen 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, 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 .**

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**CDP Wantage St John Vianney**

**Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01720016**

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### Year B 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th October 2024



### Cry for Help

We all understand Bartimaeus' cry for help, after all, most of us have felt like that at some stage in our lives. How many of us have felt trapped in jobs we hate, in bodies that are weak or in relationships that are failing? The last thing we want is to accept our gloomy lot in life and suffer in silence, yet sometimes our options are limited. Praying to God for help is important, but how many of us secretly consider prayer a last ditch option in a world governed by science and practicality? Have we lost our sense of wonderment? Have we lost our belief in what we cannot see? Today Bartimaeus, the blind man, teaches us a lesson in prayer. He certainly wasn't ready to suffer in silence. He cried out and many rebuked him telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more. The lesson is that the blind man's persistence and faith were rewarded. In our modern day scientific world, faith is a stumbling point because it suggests believing in things of which there can be no proof - things we can't see. Of course this is true, but faith also means believing in things that are all around us. Sometimes we suffer in silence when we are surrounded by people who could help us given half the chance. Today we exercise our faith and ask for help. We remember that we have friends, neighbours, professional counsellors and medics who we can call upon. We remember to put our problems before God and ask for help.

### **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."

### **Training Day for Readers - Saturday 26th October 11:30am**

This training is for those who are already on the rota as well as for new volunteers. We have received our new Lectionary so Fr. David will use this during the training.

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

**We bid a fond farewell to Henry** who has been a valued member of our parish and choir. We wish Henry safe travel, all the best and every blessing for the future.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** - Following the success of our appeal last Christmas, we are collecting this year for Stirlings Care Home. We can take medium sized containers (225ml) of body wash, shampoo, body lotion, as well as soap and hand cream, to make up into Christmas gift bags. We can't take sachets—the items above are easier for residents to open and use. Donations placed in the box marked SVP in the porch will be much appreciated.



**Mission Red Box Holders** - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during November. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio.



**Choir News** - There will be an informal taster session for anyone who would like to join the choir to prepare for carols and Christmas Masses. Please come along to the hall on 8th November from 7pm.

**Volunteer keyboard Player Needed** for Christmas Masses. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

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

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

**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.

**Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip** will be read out at all Masses this weekend. Copies will be available at the back of Church together with a pro-forma letter. Please take a copy of the sample letter so that we can engage with the process.

### **All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation - 1st November**

Following in the footsteps of the saints, for most of us is like attempting rocket science or brain surgery. But following in the footsteps of the saints is not about becoming a saint overnight. Saints are just real people who have struggled through crisis and frustration to live their faith. Like the concert pianist who began his career with simple scales, so following God's blueprint for discipleship is about starting out with small steps.

**November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls.** We make a particular effort during this month to pray for all of the deceased and to have Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

**Quiz Night** at St. John Vianney Friday 6th December 7-9pm. More information to follow.

**Children's Christmas Party** at St. John Vianney Saturday 14th December 2-4pm. Come along to decorate the crib and Christmas trees and join in other activities.

**Carol Service** at St. John Vianney Sunday 15th December 5pm.

**Phoenix Brass Band Concert** Walwyn Hall Lambourn Sunday 15th December 2:30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments. Please contact Anne Strickland on 01488 71580 for tickets.

### **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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