

### Mass Times 27th August - 3rd September

Sat 27th 10am *Christine Aldiss R.I.P.*

Sat 27th 6pm *Jack, Josie & Michael Kneafsey R.I.P.*

Sun 28th 9am *Lynne Frewer R.I.P.*

Sun 28th 11am *Pro Populo*

Mon 29th No Mass

Tues 30th 10am *Kathy Perry R.I.P.*

Wed 31st 10am

Wed 31st Noon *James Farrelly R.I.P. (F)*

Thu 1st 10am *Barbara Vosa's intentions*

Fri 2nd 10am

Sat 3rd 10am No morning Mass

Sat 3rd 6pm *Jimmy Green R.I.P.*

### Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney

Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm



#### Confessions:

Saturday 10:30—11am  
or by appointment

**11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.**

Find us at [www.wantagecatholicparish.org](http://www.wantagecatholicparish.org) and [sacredheartlambourn.org](http://sacredheartlambourn.org)



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Neil Murphy and Bridget May Knight, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Kathleen Perry, Jim Bryan, Edward Bateman, Jennifer Randall (nee Murphy), Robert Carter, Fr. Leo Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Rosina Shields, Ellen Newton and Maureen Bailey. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Fr. Robin Sanders, John Gemmell, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, Gloria Allen 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 :

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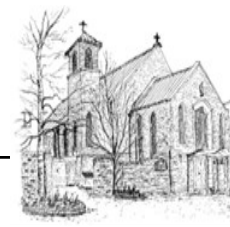
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**Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.**

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## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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### Year C 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th August 2022



#### God's Round Table

It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those

who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility, however, is very different.

Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - For the abolition of the death penalty** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**Home Visits** - If you are housebound, or you know any parishioners who are unable to get to Mass and would like Fr. David to visit, please call Fr. on 07554427063 or leave a message on the office phone 01235 762374 or email [wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Mission Plan for the Diocese** - The PPC will meet mid September to discuss the document. If you have any thoughts at all, please let Fr. David know or email the parish office. The Draft Plan can be found here:  
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/>  
Please click on the **Draft Strategy Document** link at the bottom of the webpage.

**Refreshments after 9am Mass on Sundays** - everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee in the hall.

**Save the dates:**

Scripture Study on Zoom beginning Tuesday 20th September 7pm  
Readers' Course 22nd September at St. John Vianney - 7pm



**St Bernadette Relic Tour - 8th and 9th September**

The relics are to tour Britain from 3rd to 30th September and will be in the Cathedral, on 8th September from 9.30am until 10am on the 9th September 2022. For more information, see posters on the notice board and on our website. To register your attendance please click on the link: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/> and scroll through the Registration Calendar to find the Diocese of Portsmouth.

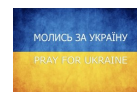
**Little People** - we are collecting food for a number of families. We will take perishable food (bread, veg, fruit etc) as long as it still has some shelf life. Donations can be left in the Church porch clearly marked "Little People". Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596

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**The Beheading of John the Baptist - 29th August**

The death of St. John the Baptist is reported in varying amounts of detail throughout the synoptic Gospels and Mark and Matthew report the event with the most detail. In Mark's Gospel, John was arrested and imprisoned because of King Herod's fear of him. But although Herod feared John, he would not kill him because he knew John was a righteous and holy man, and he liked hearing John speak. Herodias, Herod's wife, did not share his respect for John and looked for any chance to have him killed. Herodias' chance came when her daughter Salome's dancing so pleased the smitten Herod that he promised her anything she desired. Herodias prompted her daughter to ask for the death of John the Baptist. Herod granted her wish and John was killed.



**Day of Prayer for Ukraine** The Bishop's Conference has asked that Wednesday 14th September is a day of prayer for Ukraine, across the continent.

**Prayer for Ukraine and Russia**

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion,  
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for all the world. Amen.

**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](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Other Priests in the area :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

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