

22nd August —30th August

Sat 22nd 10am Mark Kelleher and Anna Bretes int.

Sat 22nd 6pm Amy Pledge RIP

Sun 23rd 9am Marian Burczynski RIP

Sun 23rd 11am Jean Randall RIP

Mon 24th 10am No Mass

Tues 25th 10am No Mass

Weds 26th 10am No Mass

Weds 26th 12 noon (Lambourn) No Mass

Thurs 27th 10am No Mass

Fri 28th 10am No Mass

Sat 29th 10am Murphy Family int.

Sat 29th 6pm ProPop

Sun 30th 9am Lai-chun Wu RIP

Sun 30th 11am (Lambourn) Kevin Moran RIP



QR Code to
Register as a
Parishioner

Please note that there is
no Holy hour or
Scripture this week

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Canon Peter and Ken Trotter, 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.

The Parish Administrator is Mrs. Gwen McCourt

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.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



Parish Priest: Fr. David O'Sullivan

Telephone: 01235 762374

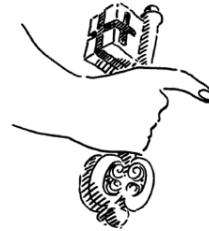
Mobile: 07554427063

Office e-mail: wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Fr David's e-mail: dosullivan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Find us at www.wantagecatholicparish.org

Year A 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd August 2026



The Key

Who do you think Jesus is? As small children we are told that Jesus is the Son of God, and we accept it readily. When we are children, God is a kindly father figure who lives in Heaven and listens to our night prayers. When we are small, Jesus is the baby we see in the Christmas Nativity scene. When we are a little older, Jesus is the teller of all those intriguing parables. Once we are young adults, we see Jesus as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles and a revolutionary. For some of us, doubts creep in. Is Jesus really the Son of God or simply a good man and a great prophet?

In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ," replies Peter promptly, "the Son of the living God." But this wasn't Peter's opinion from the start. Peter and the other disciples first met Jesus as a fellow human being. By working with Jesus and following his ministry daily, Peter and the other disciples gradually came to the extraordinary conviction that God was working through Jesus; speaking, healing, working miracles and offering eternal salvation.

Today we listen again to Jesus' question. "Who do you say I am?" It seems that the question is stretching over the centuries. It seems that the question is aimed not just at the disciples but at us. Jesus doesn't want us to give the answer we've been taught to give ... our answer has to be from the heart. Our answer might be, "I don't know!" Our answer might be, "I'm not very sure right now." Or our answer might be a resounding, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows that faith is a journey and our answer reflects at exactly what stage of that journey we have reached. It may be that we think of Jesus as little more than a good man and a great prophet. If this is what we believe, the Bible becomes little more than a book filled with good stories and sound philosophy. If like the disciples we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God, all at once we are opening ourselves to great possibilities.... all at once we have found the key to life's greatest adventure.

Dates for your Diary—

A tale of Beatrix Potter, a dramatised story of her life and colourful animal creations.

Walwyn Hall, Tuesday September 1st 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Under 16s free

Tickets available from Anne or Marion after mass, Goodies cafe, or 07564 984210

St. Augustine of Hippo, whose feast day is the 28th August, is the patron saint of brewers! We know him best as one of the greatest theologians of the Christian faith. He led a dissolute life in his youth, before undergoing a conversion, following the intercession of his mother St. Monica. He was the author of some of the most important works of Christian theology, including 'Confessions' and 'The City of God.' His scholarship continues to inform us today.

Fairtrade Opportunity National Banana Split Day August 25th

August 25th is the day we celebrate the delight that is the Banana Split! As if you didn't already know, the banana split is a long-standing family favourite dessert consisting of banana (Fairtrade banana of course!), ice cream, whipped cream, sauces of any flavour, cherries and any other topping you so desire. On August 25, indulge yourself with a banana split, a delicious ice cream-based dessert, as the National Banana Split Day is celebrated on this date

Most of us come back with a pocketful of foreign coins which will sit on a shelf somewhere for a couple of years gathering dust. It probably seems neither here nor there, but if you can imagine every other home coming holiday maker in the country doing exactly the same thing, you can easily see how that kind of money adds up. Most big-name charity shops now accept donations of foreign coins, so find out which ones and pay them a call.

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration**
St. John Vianney
Not this week

Scripture Study
Not this week

Kim Leadbeater's '**Terminally Ill End of Life (Adults) Act**' having run out of time in the House of Lords, is being brought back by Lauren Edwards MP. The second reading will be on 11th September. It is vital that as many people as possible write to their MP asking him/her to oppose this Bill. There are several organisations which provide good information, which can be included in your letters. They include 'Right to Life; www.righttolife.org.uk 'Not Dead Yet' www.notdeadyetuk.org and the 'Augustine Bioethics Network' www.abnethics.org. Every letter is important. Only 12 MPs need to change their minds for the Bill to be defeated.

Calling parents and children for pre-registration for First Holy Communion. Classes will begin in September. If your child will be seven by 30 May 2027 please register. Classes will run on Saturday mornings from 10:00am –12:15. See Fr. David after Mass. For more information.

Roof Repairs. Work began on the roof of St John Vianney on the 11th August with the scaffolding being erected followed by the subsequent works. It may mean a few spaces for carparking being taken near the church. We hope to keep the disturbance to a minimum so please bear with us. The work is costing £50,000 so donations very welcome.

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 next September.



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