

Mass Times 15th - 22nd October

Sat 15th 10am

Sat 15th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 16th 9am *Private Intention*

Sun 16th 11am *Roger Tomlin R.I.P. (F)*

Mon 17th No Mass

Tues 18th 10am

Wed 19th 10am

Wed 19th Midday *Mary Dainty R.I.P. (F)*

Thu 20th 10am *Archie Dawson's Ints.*

Fri 21st 10am

Sat 22nd 10am *Denis O'Driscoll 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 and sacredheartlambourn.org



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Georgina Cave, Neil Murphy and Bridget May Knight, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Aldo Piras, Daniel Reilly, Tina Ann Turner, June Timms, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little, John Miller, Horace Tuson, Angela Hopper, John O'Flynn Gorman and Mervyn Scott. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Margaret Wilson, Fr. Robin Sanders, 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 :

PRCDTR 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.

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Year C 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th October 2022



Praying With Ninety Nine Percent Perspiration

Thomas Edison, a famous and prolific American inventor, is accredited the famous quote that success is, "One percent Inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration!"

The idea is that however clever or creative we are, success is mostly about hard work, patience and dedication.

It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So what if we adopted the same attitude when it comes to matters of faith and prayer? All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

We are encouraged to pray with a genuine desire to build our relationship with God. We are encouraged to pray with persistence.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October—*For a Church open to everyone*

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Pastoral Letter this weekend in which the Bishop talks about the 10 year plan. If you haven't read the draft document yet, please have a look because each and every one of us is encouraged to be aware of the changes that will be happening in the diocese and therefore in every parish. Follow the link below or pick up a concise version of the Draft from the back of Church.

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/>

Highlights from the Pastoral Council meeting -

- Refreshments after Sunday Mass has been well supported by parishioners and volunteers. Thank you to Ann for organising the rota and to all who volunteered.
- Volunteers needed to welcome parishioners as they arrive at Mass.
- Fr. David has created a children's area at the back of Church. Many positive comments received.
- Garage roof – leaking badly. Roof needs replacing at probable cost of 10K.
- 10 Year Plan - Much to be discussed over the coming months. Parishioners to provide feedback and suggestions which will be discussed at the next clergy meeting.
- Adult formation – all parishioners need ongoing formation. Catechists need to be properly trained. We could use the Alpha model of sharing a meal during formation meetings.
- Encouraging families and they will in turn attract more families.
- Food Bank collection to be started and organised.
- Need to advertise that assistance is available through the Church, through SVP and Little People

Garage Roof - in urgent need of attention. A temporary fix had to be done as water was leaking onto the boiler but the roof needs replacing at a probable cost of around £10,000. If you feel able to help, your donations will be greatly appreciated. If donating by bank transfer, please enter "Garage Roof" as a reference.

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 Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074

Saint Luke Feast Day 18th October

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians, and this gives his Gospel a distinctive slant. Material found in Luke's Gospel and not elsewhere includes much of the account of Our Lord's birth and infancy and boyhood, and some of the most moving parables, such as that of the Good Samaritan and that of the Prodigal Son.



In Luke's account of the Gospel, we find an emphasis on the human love of Christ, on His compassion for sinners and for suffering and unhappy persons, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds (not a respected profession), and for the poor. The role of women in Christ's ministry is more emphasized in Luke than in the other Gospel writings.

St. John Vianney Food Bank Collection - donations of non-perishable items can be left in the box marked "Food Bank" in the Church porch.

Children's Liturgy - for children between the ages of 4 and 8. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Mass.

Refreshments after 9am Mass on Sundays - in the hall, all welcome.

Cold and flu season is upon us - If you feel unwell or are displaying symptoms please test for covid before coming to Mass, don't just assume it's a cold. It is important that we protect each other and be more considerate towards those who may be vulnerable. Thank you.

Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. If you have any items you'd like included in the newsletter, please email them 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 :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

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