

Mass Times 1st - 8th November 2025

Sat 1st 10am *Ifeanyi & Nadine Ugwu's Ints.*

Sat 1st 6pm *Tudor Morgan BEM and Roger Morgan R.I.P.*

Sun 2nd 9am *Dec'd Members of Bergin and Green Families R.I.P.*

Sun 2nd 11am *Brian Fisher R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 3rd All Souls

9am *Chrissie Sheehan R.I.P.*

9:30am *Holy Souls*

11am *Requiem Mass for John Neale R.I.P.*

Tues 4th 10am . *Nicole and Peter Wilford's Ints.*

Weds 5th 10am *Mark Green R.I.P.*

Weds 5th 12 Noon *Casper's Family RIP (Lambourn)*

Weds 5th 7pm Holy Hour Adoration and Benediction

Thurs 6th 10am *Dec'd Family & Friends of Lazarus Family R.I.P.*

Fri 7th 10am *Dec'd Members of Shaw and Bertrand Families R.I.P.*

Sat 8th 10am *Veronica Gaffney R.I.P.*

Sat 8th 6pm *Lilian and Elmer Talbot R.I.P.*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Roger Morgan, Meriel Afia, Jinnie Brown, John Neale, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Wendy Payne, Reg Todd, Barrington Vaughan, Marle Tobin, Frank Williams, Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Richard Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Ela Ozbayraktar, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, FR. Robin Sanders, Francis Michael Connolly. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, 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 .

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 :

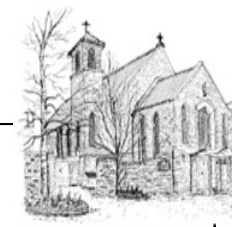
CDP Wantage St John Vianney

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Year C All Saints 2nd November 2025



What Makes a Saint?

We can land men on the moon or Mars, find cures for cancer and AIDS, or define the 'big bang theory' but ultimately our destiny is shaped not by man's conquests or discoveries, but by the simple acceptance of a sermon Jesus gave over two thousand years ago. The 'Sermon On the Mount', sometimes called the 'greatest sermon of all time', begins with a list of revolutionary statements, which we now know as the 'Beatitudes'. The Beatitudes give us a blue print for living our lives, and a key for entering the Kingdom of God.

Be poor in spirit we are told, not allowing our lives to be governed by money or material concerns. We should be meek, always seeking to serve rather than seeking the power with which to lord it over others. Hunger for righteousness we are told, never tolerating injustice, always having the integrity to suffer for what we believe in if needs be. We should be merciful, not only with those we feel deserve mercy like the poor and the disadvantaged, but with those who need our forgiveness and consideration. Are we always pure of heart or do we enjoy a good gossip, a joke at someone else's expense? Are we peacemakers, or do we fuel battles against neighbours, workmates or people from different communities?

The Beatitudes are a list of ideals and challenges designed to shape our lives for the better, but are we left looking at the list and feeling that it's just too much of a tall order? As in anything that initially seems too difficult are we in danger of simply 'switching off', imagining that Jesus' ideals are meant for others but not for us? On this the feast of 'All Saints' we celebrate the lives of those saints whose lives we aim to imitate. But what is interesting to note, is that not even these very special men and women have managed to live by every single beatitude. A saint is not necessarily a perfect person, but someone who has sought his or her hardest to be faithful to God. When we determine to live our lives by Jesus' ideals what matters is our commitment and integrity, not our measure of success.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for November - For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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



Training Day for Readers - Saturday 1st November at 11:30am
This training is for those who are already on the rota as well as for new volunteers.

Training Day for Ministers of Holy Communion - Saturday 15th November at 11:30am. Training for new volunteers as well as for those already on the rota.



Quiz and Puddings Night

Friday 14th November at 7pm.

Entry and Raffle Tickets will be on sale this weekend.

Offers of puddings and raffle prizes greatly appreciated.

Proceeds will go to SVP. See poster in the porch.

Confirmation Classes - will begin shortly in preparation for Confirmation at English Martyrs Didcot, date to be arranged.

Candidates should be aged 13 years or above. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. David after Mass for enrolment details.

The Jubilee year of Hope is drawing to a close. Deacon Martin McElroy will be delivering a series of talks on "Hope in Scripture". There will be 4 sessions on the following Friday evenings: 24th and 31st October, 7th and 14th November, 7:45-9:30pm. Each session is independent of the others so you can attend one or more. Book using this link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/ZD3kq2lySliKHqF0EEb59g#/registration>



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

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

**Scripture Study
An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings
Tuesdays 7-7:30pm.
On Zoom using same link as for Mass.**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



First Saturday Devotions 1st November - will begin with The Holy Rosary at 9:30am in St. John Vianney. For more information on First Saturday Devotions visit [A Short Explanation of the Five First Saturdays | The Fatima Center](#)



The Second Collection this weekend is for Bamenda, our sister diocese in Cameroon. Since 2016, the region has been affected by civil unrest and with most government services in the region being closed, the only services available are those provided by the archdiocese. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew Nkea, acknowledged that our diocese support provides not only practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times. <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Bamenda-Sunday-Newsletter-2025.pdf>



November is the month dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed. (*YouCat 160*)

Little People - we are in need of boys clothes, age 8-10 years. If you can help, donations can be left in the food bank box in the porch. Thank you for your support.

Singers Needed - If you would like to join the choir to prepare for Christmas Masses, practices will be held at 7:30pm on Friday evenings in the hall. Just come along and join in.

Office Hours: Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm, Thursday and Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter 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 ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn
anne.strickland@mail.com

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

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