

## Mass Times 28th September - 5th October 2024

Sat 28th 10am *Patrick Mambo R.I.P.*

Sat 28th 6pm *Ruby and Mervyn Hill R.I.P.*

Sun 29th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 29th 11am *Pauline Randall (Lambourn)*

Mon 30th 10am *Dec'd Members of Hickey Family R.I.P.*

Tues 1st October 10am *Julie Hughes's Ints.*

Weds 2nd 10am *Mary Rogers R.I.P.*

Weds 2nd 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 3rd 10am *Joe Nemeth R.I.P.*

Fri 4th 10am *James and Eva O'Connor R.I.P.*

Sat 5th 10am *Melanie Longworth R.I.P.*

Sat 5th 6pm *Edna Green 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 Jack Badger, Peter Young, Margaret Monahan, Savanah O'Brien, Peter Shaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Paul Burgoyne, James Dorrian, Charles McMahan, 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 Eugene McEvoy, 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 .**

### 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.**

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### Year B 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th September 2024



### The Jealousy Club!

It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not

without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.

### **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."

**Thank you to those who have volunteered for various duties recently.** We would like to appoint a number of Fire Marshals so that we have cover for each Mass, Special Ministers to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion and Children's Liturgy Leaders and Helpers.

If you have mentioned that you would like to volunteer, could you just drop a email to the parish office, then dates for training will be organised.

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

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

### **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - Open Meeting**

If you would like to volunteer or just to know more about SVP, we are having an informal meeting on Thursday 10th October at 7pm.

Contact the parish office for more details.

Donations to SVP can be made to this account:

Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you again for your support.

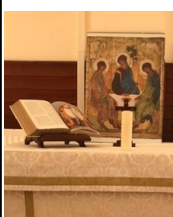


### **St Amand's Catholic Primary School, East Hendred - Open Days**

- please visit our school to see what a Catholic education has to offer. In our last Ofsted report we were rated outstanding in the areas of Behaviour & Attitudes, and Personal Development—"This is a small school with high ambition for every pupil. Pupils feel well supported by the nurturing 'family' culture. Behaviour is impeccable."

Our open days are: 16th Oct 9:30am 21st Nov 1:30pm

If you would like to book a visit on either of the open days, contact the Headteacher Mrs Ellery on [01235 833342](tel:01235833342) . website [www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk) or email [office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk)



**Children's Liturgy - for children aged 4 to 8 years.** Catechists and helpers prepare a simplified liturgy in the hall for this age group. The carpeted area at the back of Church is supplied with colouring pages, crayons and books, for younger children/toddlers. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Church to take part in the Mass.



### **St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael - Feast Day September 29th**

Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'.

Archangel Michael, whose name means "Who is like God", is the angel of protection, defending justice, light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel, the announcer and communicator

of good news. We can ask him to help us to be effective communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

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

### **Feast of the Guardian Angels - 2nd October**

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day -Friday 4th October 2024**

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are invited to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help others. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give what you can. Return the envelope the following Sunday or as soon afterwards. Don't forget to fill in the gift aid form if you are a UK tax payer.

**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.

### **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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