

## Mass Times 19th - 26th October 2024

Sat 19th 10am *Comyns Family Ints.*  
Sat 19th 6pm *Mark Voerman's Ints.*  
Sun 20th 9am *Archie Dawson's Ints.*  
Sun 20th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*  
Mon 21st 10am *John Paul Ugwu's Ints.*  
Tues 22nd 10am *Liam Dawson's Ints.*  
Weds 23rd 10am  
Weds 23rd 12 Noon **No Mass at Lambourn**  
Thurs 24th 10am  
Fri 25th 10am *John Mollo R.I.P.*  
Sat 26th 10am  
Sat 26th 6pm

**Confessions: St. John Vianney Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment**



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Kathleen Popkiss, Jack Badger, Peter Young, Margaret Monahan, Savanah O'Brien, Peter Shaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Paul Burgoyne, James Dorrian, Charles McMahon, 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 Richard Heron, 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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th October 2024

### A Career At the Top



How do we equate success? Is success a career in management perhaps or a titled role? Do we see success as rising to the top of our chosen field and earning recognition fame and respect with a healthy wage packet

thrown in for good measure?

Today we find James and John not behaving as good disciples ought. They ask Jesus for places of honour in heaven's seating arrangements. How could they have followed Jesus for as long as they had and yet fail to understand that he was not about status or power?

James and John were amongst Jesus' closest friends so perhaps they could have been forgiven for getting their wires crossed. Their ministry was important. More than important, their role was key to changing history. But somewhere along the line, the importance of their mission and 'self-importance' had blurred and James and John were left with a desire for acclaim and prestige. Jesus had to gently point out that as Christians, these are never things we should seek. If we find ourselves in positions of importance we have to take the opportunity to work for a common good. If we find ourselves with influence, we need to use that influence to set a good example or to motivate others. If we are entrusted with leadership, we need to lead by rolling up our sleeves and serving others. The world needs doers not theorists. Who wants to be led by someone intent on throwing their weight around?

Today's challenge is to serve with no expectation of return; to give with no expectation of recognition or influence. The challenge is to become the person God wants us to be, not necessarily the person we want to be.

### 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."

### Training Dates for those who have volunteered for various duties.

**Readers** training will be Saturday 26th October 11:30am

**Fire Marshals** training Saturday 19th October & Sunday 20th after Masses

**Special Ministers** training will be Saturday 19th October at 11:30am

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

**Oppose Assisted Suicide** - the assisted suicide bill was introduced to the House of Commons last week. There will be a Second Reading for the bill on Friday 29th November. This means that there will be a major vote on assisted suicide before Christmas. MPs are receiving a lot of emails and letters in support of the bill so it is crucial that we make MPs aware that there is a large number of voters who oppose this dangerous change to our laws. You can email our MP Olly Glover using this link [Find your MP - MPs and Lords - UK Parliament](#) or write to him at Parliamentary Office, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

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

### Scripture Study -

Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

### 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.



**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.

### The Second Collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday

'Go and invite everyone to the banquet' cf. Matthew 22:9 World Mission Sunday unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, mutual friendship and support; both spiritual and material. Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish around the world, on the penultimate Sunday of October. On this day the Universal Catholic Church joins together, through prayer and sharing, in support of dioceses and parishes too poor or young to support themselves. Donate in the basket at the back of Church, using the card machine, or directly at [www.missio.org.uk/donate/](http://www.missio.org.uk/donate/)



### The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

This year we pray the Rosary especially for world peace. "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours." (Pope Pius XI.)

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** - Following the success of our appeal last Christmas, we are collecting this year for Stirlings Care Home.

We can take medium sized containers (225ml) of body wash, shampoo, body lotion, as well as soap and hand cream, to make up into Christmas gift bags. We can't take sachets—the items above are easier for residents to open and use. Donations placed in the box marked SVP in the porch will be much appreciated.



**Choir News** - There will be an informal taster session for anyone who would like to join the choir to prepare for carols and Christmas Masses. Please come along to the hall on 8th November from 7pm.

**Volunteer keyboard Player Needed** for Christmas Masses. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

### 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 :

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