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Year A All Saints 1st November 2026

WHAT MAKES A SAINT

We can land men on the moon or Mars, find cures for cancer and AIDS, or defining the 'big bang theory' but ultimately our destiny is 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 some 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.

31st October – 8th November

Sat 31st 10am *Patrick Mambo RIP*

Sat 31st 6pm *Lilian and Elmer Talbot RIP*

Sun 1st 9am *Heron Family int.*

Sun 1st 11 am (Lambourn) *Pro Pop*

Mon 2nd 10am *Green and Bergin Families*

Tues 3rd 10am *Fr. Robin Sanders RIP*

Weds 4th 10am

Weds 4th 12 noon (Lambourn) *Miss Caspers RIP*

Thurs 5th 10am *Chris Shehan RIP*

Fri 6th 10am *Mark Green RIP*

Sat 7th 10am *Francis Williams RIP*

Sat 7th 6pm *Tudor Morgan RIP*

Sun 8th 9am *Dec'd members of the Shaw & Bertrand families*

Sun 8th 11am (Lambourn) *John Walsh RIP*



Adult Parishioner Registration Form



Child Parishioner Registration Form

**REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER
USING THE QR CODES ABOVE**

**Confessions: Saturdays 10:30 – 11am or
by appointment.**

In your Prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially, Frank Williams and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Pam Robinson

**Scripture Study
No Scripture Study
this week**

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

Dates for your Diary -

Saturday 31st October 11:30-12:30pm in the Hall. Readers training. For new and existing readers.

Saturday 31st October 12:30-1:30pm in the Hall Ministers of Holy Communion training

Saturday 31st October Night of Light Evening (straight after the Vigil Mass) - a fun Activity packed evening for children age 5+ (and their parents) celebrating the lives of the saints and Jesus as the light of the world. Entry is free, but places must be booked in advance.

Bookings close Octobr 26th.

Sunday 1st November after 11am Lambourn Mass-Sacred Heart we will be serving tea, coffee and cake in Walwyn Hall. Please note we will be selling raffle tickets to be drawn on Sunday 13th December when we will be having our Christmas Refreshments.

Proceeds to Little People.

Sunday 8th November The Young Disciples will meet in the church after 9am Mass.

Friday 13th November Pizza, Pray, Play if you are aged 8+and have made your First Holy Communion join us for an evening of pizza, games and a bit of theology too. This is an exciting new venture that we hope to hold on a regular basis. Just scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church to book your place.

SVP Pudding and Quiz Night

Friday 20th November There will be a Quiz and Pudding Night in aid of SVP in the Hall, from 7pm-10pm. Tickets will be on sale soon!

Sunday 6th December Phoenix Brass Band Concert will be held in Walwyn Hall. Marion and Anne Strickland are looking for donations of food mince pies etc. Also raffle prizes. Please contact them if you are able to help.

Choir Dates

Sunday 1st November after 9am Mass

Sunday 22nd November after 9am Mass

Sunday 29th November after 9am Mass

Sunday 20th December after 9am Mass



Monday, 2nd November is All Souls Day, when we honour and pray for the dead, especially for our own departed loved ones. It is definitely a day when, if we can, we should attend Mass, offering it for the faithful departed. YouCat, the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (London, CTS: 2011) explains well what we pray for on 2nd November in two of its questions.

Sunday 1st November is All Saints Day

We remember all the saints who have served God faithfully throughout their lives. Saints were not perfect people, they were people who said yes to God and followed His plan for them no matter where it took them. It took them on the adventure of their lives!

There will be a second collection for Bamenda after Mass on 1st November

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 5:00m on Thursday.



Gift Aid your donation

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

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 :

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