

Mass Times 6th - 13th August

Sat 6th 10am

Sat 6th 6pm *Wojciech Dubenski R.I.P.*

Sun 7th 9am *Michael Moran R.I.P.*

Sun 7th 11am *Pro Populo*

Mon 8th No Mass

Tues 9th 10am *John Moore R.I.P.*

Wed 10th 10am

Wed 10th Noon

Thu 11th 10am

Fri 12th 10am

Sat 13th 10am *Olga Arnold 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



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Year C 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th August 2022

The Everlasting Purse



There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We think twice about visiting a friend who lives in the rough end of town. Will our car still be there when it's time to go home? We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little. Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others.

How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To whom much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes..... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour. When we buy our possessions we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non-brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid-range car? But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse.

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 Bridget May Knight and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Kathleen Perry, Jim Bryan, Edward Bateman, Jennifer Randall (nee Murphy), Robert Carter, Fr. Leo Targett, May Williams, Helen Plaistow, Rosina Shields, Ellen Newton and Maureen Bailey. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially John Gemmell, 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2022 - For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Mission Plan for the Diocese - In September, the PPC will be discussing this important document which speaks to our parish and wider area. It is vital that we all have the opportunity to be part of the discussion and to provide feedback. The Draft Plan can be found here:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/>
Please click on the **Draft Strategy Document** link at the bottom of the webpage.

Refreshments after 9am Mass on Sundays - everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee in the hall.

Weekday Readers - if you would like to read at weekday Masses, please pick up the white stole from the bench so that Fr. David will know he has a reader.

Volunteers Still Needed for: Children's Liturgy; Reading at Mass; Minister of Holy Communion, Church cleaning and Welcomers. Please speak to Fr. David or Sharon. Training will be given.

Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

SVP and Little People - we are collecting good condition children's clothes, boys and girls, all ages. Donations can be left in the porch clearly marked "SVP" or "Little People". Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

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

St. Lawrence - Feast Day 10th August

St Lawrence was a deacon in Rome in the mid Third Century AD. On 6 August 258, he became the senior ranking Church official, following the execution of Pope St Sixtus II. His tenure did not last long. He was commanded to hand over the riches of the Church to the Roman authorities. Lawrence had already given away the Church's wealth, and arrived with a crowd of the poor, blind, sick and crippled, claiming these to be the Church's true riches. St Lawrence was martyred on a griddle. His feast day falls at the time of the Perseid Meteor shower. This spectacular astronomical phenomenon was known in past times as the "burning tears of St Lawrence". Although the feast day occurs on 10th August, the night to view St Lawrence's Tears is different each year. This year the best nights to view St Lawrence's Tears are on the 12th and 13th August. Ampleforth Abbey, the Benedictine monastery in north Yorkshire, is among the churches that house a relic of the saint, in this case a charred bone from a forearm, presented by Pope St Vitalian to King Oswy of Northumberland.

Finding a Church on Holiday - Part of the fun of travelling is the unique opportunity to visit new parishes, explore different church architecture styles and artwork, attend a Mass spoken in a new language and meet a new community of people. Remember to look up the nearest Catholic Church to your holiday destination before you leave. A great starting point to find churches around the world is: www.masstimes.org/

St Bernadette - In September and October, the relics of St. Bernadette will travel on pilgrimage through England, Wales and Scotland. For more information visit <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

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

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