

ST. JOHN VIANNEY WANTAGE
SACRED HEART LAMBOURN



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
8th November 2026

TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW

We 'know not the hour nor the day', and when death finally catches us out, we can all too often be filled with regrets and 'if-onlys. "If only," we say after the death of a loved one. If only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over .... so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. Life is always demanding that we make preparations. We make preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people isn't it? Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow! The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared. Their lamps were empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits. Today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. Do we make the most of opportunities to do good deeds as and when they arise? Do we make the right choices conscientiously on a daily basis? Do we live every day as though it were our last? If we are doing all of these things, we have no need to fear the unexpected.

Mass Intentions 7th -15th November

Sat 7th 10am *Francis Williams RIP*
Sat 7th 6pm *Tudor Morgan BEM RIP & Roger Morgan RIP*
Sun 8th 9am *Dec'd members of the Shaw & Bertrand families*
Sun 8th 11 am (Lambourn) *John Walsh RIP*
Mon 9th 10am *Pro Pop*
Tues 10th 10am *Mathai Joseph K. RIP*
Weds 11th 10am *James & Eva O'Connor RIP*
Weds 11th 12 noon (Lambourn)
Thurs 12th 10am *Mary & James Dorrian RIP & Bob Carter RIP*
Fri 13th 10am *Dick Cole RIP*
Sat 14th 10am *Muriel Moran RIP*
Sat 14th 6pm *Pro Pop*
Sun 15th 9am *Jim Dorrian RIP*
Sun 15th 11am (Lambourn) *William Preece RIP*

Adult Registration **Child Registration**

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
Tuesday
7 - 7:30pm

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

Dates for your Diary -

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 £5 single, £20 family.
Sunday 6th December Phoenix Brass Band Concert will be held in Walwyn Hall, Lambourn. 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.
Suday 13th December - Carol Service 4pm-6pm followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Choir Dates
Sunday 22nd November after 9am Mass
Sunday 29th November after 9am Mass
Sunday 20th December after 9am Mass



Red Boxes!
Do you support the work of **Missio** with a 'red box' at home? Red Box collections take place during the month of November. Please leave your red box a the back of church. If you would like a red box and do not have one, please see Anne Hodgson.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer Intention–

"Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." Jesus calls us to be ready, attentive, and faithful to His invitation. Priesthood and consecrated life ask for hearts that remain vigilant, prepared to serve God and His people with generosity and love. Pray for guidance and clarity in discerning how He may be calling you to serve. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Saints of the Week

This week we celebrate the feast days of Leo the Great (10th), Martin of Tours (11th) and Albert the Great (15th), three very different saints. **Leo** lived in the 5th century, a time of uncertainty and upheaval, much like today. He is known for his role in calling the Council of Chalcedon, and for having forestalled Attila the Hun's invasion of Italy.
There are few people whose life story can be summed up in a single indelible act. **St Martin** belongs in this special category. The story of Martin giving up half of his cloak is emblematic of his life and is re-enacted in towns throughout Germany to this day.
St Albert the Great was one of the greatest thinkers and scholars in the history of the church. He is best know as the teacher of St Thomas Aquinas.
You can find out more about these saints at:
https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/11/10.html



Pope Leo quote



"True progress always stems from a heart open to others… and a will that seeks what unites rather than what separates." (MH 15)

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.



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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
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Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338