

**Mass Times 3rd— 10th September**

**Sat 3rd 10am No Mass**

**Sat 3rd 6pm Jimmy Green R.I.P.**

**Sun 4th 9am Mark Butterworth R.I.P.**

**Sun 4th 11am Pro Populo**

**Mon 5th to Thursday 8th No Mass**

**Fri 9th 10am Special Intention**

**Sat 10th 10am**

**Sat 10th 6pm Maggie Legassick's Ints.**

**Confessions:** Not available this week.

**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](http://www.wantagecatholicparish.org) and [sacredheartlambourn.org](http://sacredheartlambourn.org)



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Neil Murphy and 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 Fr. Robin Sanders, 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.**



**St John Vianney Wantage  
Sacred Heart Lambourn**



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**Year C 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th September 2022**



**Calculating the Cost**

We hear a lot about calculating the cost of discipleship, but how many people actually sit down and do exactly that ... calculate the cost.

We certainly do our calculations if we're paying a visit to the bank manager for a loan. We certainly start calculating if we're down to small change and there are two long weeks left to pay day. Today Jesus tells us that calculating the cost of

discipleship should be no different. "For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discipleship means different things to do different people at different stages in their lives. Discipleship might mean deciding how best to use our gifts to help people at home and in the work place. Discipleship might mean coming up with a plan to transform a local community or some kind of global project. Whatever our vision we will need to sit down and plan it. Inevitably this will involve personal cost and if we don't calculate that cost, we are setting ourselves up to fail before we have begun. Will we be able to accomplish our plans alone or will we need help? How will we make time to achieve our goals and will this involve an element of sacrifice? Do we have enough money to realise our ideas or will we need to fundraise? Do we have the necessary skills or will we have to step out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new?

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Discipleship is demanding. Jesus is looking for a full-time commitment. Discipleship is not something that can be slotted easily and comfortably into our existing life styles. Discipleship involves cost, and today's invitation is to sit down and calculate whether that cost is within our means.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - For the abolition of the death penalty** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**Home Visits** - If you are housebound, or you know any parishioners who are unable to get to Mass and would like Fr. David to visit, please call Fr. and leave a message on the office phone 01235 762374 or email [wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Mission Plan for the Diocese** - The PPC will meet 15th September to discuss the document. If you have any thoughts at all, please let Fr. David know or email the parish office. 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.

**Right to Life** "Tomorrow, we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we the Church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us"

**Children's Liturgy** will begin on Sunday 11th September for children between the ages of 4 and 8. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Mass.



**Save the dates:**

Scripture Study on Zoom beginning

Tuesday 20th September 7pm

Readers' Course 22nd September at St. John

Vianney - 7pm

**Refreshments after 9am**

**Mass on Sundays** -

everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee in the hall.

**Little People** - we are collecting food for a number of families. We will take perishable food (bread, veg, fruit etc) as long as it still has some shelf life. Donations can be left in the Church porch clearly marked "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

**September is the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows** when we remember the intense suffering and grief of Mary during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, we also meditate on the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary—The prophesy of Simeon; The flight into Egypt; The loss of Jesus aged 12; Our Lady meets Jesus on the way to Calvary; The Crucifixion; Jesus is taken down from the Cross, and Jesus is laid in the tomb. The Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows is on 15th September.

**Pakistan Floods Appeal**

Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan has killed at least 1,100 people so far, with millions more displaced from their homes. Roads, crops, homes and bridges have all been washed away, in a situation described by Pakistan's climate change minister Shery Rehman as 'a climate-induced humanitarian disaster of epic proportions.'

Millions are without food and shelter in the worst-affected areas of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces and are in immediate need of clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. You can donate online at any of our aid agencies, CAFOD, Sciaf, Trocaire or Christian Aid.

**St Bernadette Relic Tour - 8th and 9th September** at St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth. To register your attendance please click on the link: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/> and scroll through the Registration Calendar to find the Diocese of Portsmouth. Info on website and in the porch.

**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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Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

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