

## Mass Times 12th - 19th October 2024

Sat 12th 10am *Annick Williams' Ints.*

Sat 12th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 13th 9am *Maria & Krzysztof Burczynski's Ints.*

Sun 13th 11am *Paul Burgoyne R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 14th 10am **No Mass**

Tues 15th 10am **No Mass**

Weds 16th 10am *Catherine Gray R.I.P.*

Weds 16th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 17th 10am *Tom Birken R.I.P.*

Fri 18th 10am *Steve McQuiggan's Ints.*

Sat 19th 10am *Comyn Family Ints.*

Sat 19th 6pm *Mark Voerman's Ints.*

**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, Eugene McEvoy, 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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th October 2024



### The Midas Touch

Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to

destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go. Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'

### 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."

**How do we respect our elderly?** In a docuseries on Netflix, *Live to 100, Secrets of the Blue Zones*, Dan Buettner investigates why certain areas in the world have a higher proportion of centenarians. Obviously healthy diet and exercise factor in, but it's significant that in these places, community and family is important and old age is greatly respected, giving the elderly an ongoing sense of dignity, purpose and being valued and loved. In these societies, the elderly aren't made to feel that they are a burden, but a treasure.

In the ongoing debate around assisted suicide, elderly people have voiced that they may choose this option because they don't want to be a burden on their families.

On 16th October the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. The Bishops of England and Wales are urging Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online** (you do not need a TV licence): [righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead](http://righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead)

Use this link to contact your MP [contact your MP](#) via the 'Right to Life' website.



**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.

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

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.



**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.

### 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



### 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.)

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

**St. Gerard Majella Feast Day 16th October** - The patron saint of expectant mothers. We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child. Lord hear us...

### 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.

### ST Amand's School East Hendred

#### School Open Days

16th October @ 9:30am

21st November @ 1:30pm



Please contact the school for more information and to book your place

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### 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

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Other Priests in the area :

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