

Mass Times 14th - 21st September 2024

Sat 14th 10am NO MASS

Sat 14th 6pm *Bernard Hale R.I.P.*

Sun 15th Sept. 9am *Marian Burczynski R.I.P.*

Sun 15th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

Mon 16th to Friday 20th inclusive NO MASS

Sat 21st 10am *Sharon Dawson's Ints.*

Sat 21st 6pm *Edna Green and Lorraine Fernandez Ints.*

The nearest weekday Masses are at:

East Hendred: Tuesday to Thursday 9am (St. Mary's) Friday 8:30am
(Hendred Manor Chapel) Saturday 9am (St. Mary's)

Didcot: English Martyrs Wednesday 9:30am and 6pm
Friday 9:30am Saturday 9am

Confessions: St. John Vianney Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Peter Young, Margaret Monahan, Savannah O'Brien, Peter Shaw, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Mary Rowlands, Mark Barrett, Mary Moss, Daniel Reilly, Aldo Piras, Tina Turner, Bridget Boyce, Olafur Smith-Jonsson, Bernard Hale, Henry Little. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially 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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St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



Parish Priest: Fr. David O'Sullivan

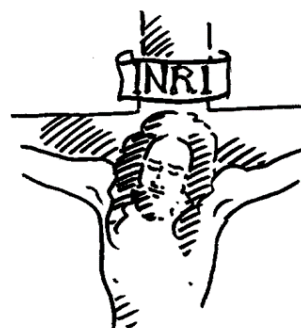
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Year B 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2024



Choosing Your Crosses

We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like each and every one of us. Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If

any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it." Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing. "... Ah well... we all have our crosses to bear....." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided. To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ. Living with unavoidable problems isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings. Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to the neighbours. Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, more articulate or more energetic. There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us chose to pick up our crosses.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September - For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Thank you to Monsignor Burnham who will be celebrating Masses for us this weekend.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - We would like to thank you for your support for SVP in our parish. With your donations, we have supplied cookers, fridge/freezers, kitchen utensils, food and carpets to families in need. We also received good quality men's clothing which was donated to men in prison and collected 40+ gift packs of toiletries for our local care home last Christmas. We couldn't do this without you, our very generous parishioners.



If you would like to volunteer or just to know more about SVP, we are having an informal meeting on Thursday 10th October at 7pm. Contact the office for more details.

Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you again for your support.

New Missals - The new version of the Sunday Missal will be in use from the beginning of Advent so all parishes will have to buy new sets for each of the three liturgical years. If you would like to help towards the cost (£5.95 each) you can donate using the card machine, directly into the bank account, or in an envelope clearly marked "Missals". Many thanks to all who have already made donations.

St Amand's Catholic Primary School, East Hendred - Please visit our friendly school to see how much a Catholic education has to offer. If you would like to know more please contact the Headteacher Mrs Ellery on [01235 833342](tel:01235 833342) . website www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk or email office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

Little People - At the moment we are particularly in need of 7-8yr boys clothes. So far this year we have given clothes to 130 children which have been much appreciated.

Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th September at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.



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.

The Second Collection this weekend is for Home Missions. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. This gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, the theme this year is 'Growing as missionary disciples'.

We pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness.

A second collection is taken on Evangelii Gaudium Sunday to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers. Thank you for your donations - in the basket or on the card machine at the back of Church, or online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday-second-collection>

Would you like to volunteer in the parish? Even if you only have a small amount of time, there are roles that may interest you.

We are looking for Children's Liturgy helpers. As the 2nd adult, you will not be expected to prepare a lesson, but just to be available once a month. Please contact the office if you can help.

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



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. For a method of saying the Dolorous Rosary copy and paste this link into your browser:

www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/sevendolors.pdf#:~:text=The%20Rosary%20of%20the%20Seven%20Dolors%20of%20the

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 :
Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038
Fr. Domini Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338