

I am available for any parishioner who needs me. My mobile number is 07554427063

18th -25th September

Sat 18th 10am

Sat: 18th 6pm *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

Sun: 19th 9am

Sun: 19th 11am

Mon: 20th 10am on Zoom *Edna Green R.I.P.*

Tue: 21st

Wed: 22nd

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Thur: 23rd

Fri: 24th

Sat: 25th 10am

Sat: 25th 6pm *Mary Shipsey R.I.P.*

### Public Mass

Wantage: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am

Sunday 9am Wantage

Sunday 11am Lambourn

No Booking needed for weekday Masses

Booking for Weekend Masses essential. Please book by Friday night.

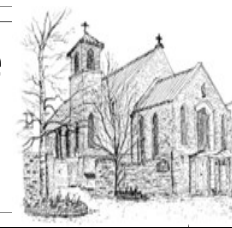
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## St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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### Year B 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th September 2021



### Success, Power and Wealth

If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?" celebrities like Bill Gates or Simon Cowell might figure highly on the list. Favourite pop idols, film stars, sports people and royalty might be up there too. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. With promotion comes extra responsibility and with that extra responsibility, increased power to our elbow.

The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame.

Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but about who we are.



In your prayers, please remember all who have recently died. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Pete Gray, Sybil Murphy, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Dame Catherine Wyburne, and all those suffering during this pandemic Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list.



Red Boxes. You can now return your red box for counting to the Church any day after mass.

### Mary's Meals School meals for the world's poorest children.

Donate online at [www.marysmeals.org/donate](http://www.marysmeals.org/donate)

Registration for the next First Holy Communion is now open. Please contact the office if you would like your child to begin preparation for the Sacrament.

### Collections Thank You

If you would like to continue supporting the Church through the period of close-down 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 Account Name: PRCDTR Wantage St. John Vianney.** Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.



**Thomas** is now back home with his family and thanks everyone for their prayers during his detention.

### **October 1st—date for your diary**

Anniversary of the first Mass in our Church. Come and help us celebrate!

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September** ***An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle***

"..... that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this."

### **The Great Big Green Week 2021**

#### **Fairtrade asks us to stand up for climate justice.**

This September, our Fairtrade community is coming together to join in with a powerful joint call for positive action on climate change. This will be the perfect chance to speak up for farmers and workers facing the worst effects of the climate crisis every day. And just before a major UN climate summit - COP 26 - comes to Glasgow. **To do:-** Visit <https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/85416/action/1?ea.tracking.id=GBGWw> and ask your MP to join in too?



### **International Day of Peace 21st September**

The International Day of Peace provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. A Peace Day event can be as simple as lighting a candle or meditating on Peace. It can be as complex as organising a Peace Concert for thousands of people. In between, there is a whole scale of events on different levels that might fit your family, group, class, or community.

Dear Parishioners, We will continue our current systems until at least the next Finance meeting. We will continue to have a booking system, ushered seating and the wearing of face coverings.

**Lambourn "On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October after Mass**, there will be a small get together in the Walwyn Hall to celebrate the easing of restrictions. Some refreshments are planned so if you are able to donate sandwiches, sausage rolls or wine etc please see Marion Povey after Mass. Please spread the word to those of our community who as yet have not re-joined our Sunday celebrations as it would be lovely to meet up with as many of you as possible. Cheers, Mac"

### **Saint Vincent de Paul Society September:- Awareness Month**

Raise Awareness, Donate, Volunteer, Fundraise, .... If you are interested in helping SVP please email the parish office. More information [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

### **Christian Gap Year 2021/2022**

Christian Gap Year opportunities differ from secular gap year placements, in that the work is related to the Christian faith. These days there are many Christian Gap Year opportunities, which give young people a chance to express their faith in a number of practical ways. These ways may involve administration, youth work, evangelism, working with children, working in the community, etc. Alternatively, the Christian Gap Year could involve having practical duties in a Christian Project in either a Western, or a Third world Country. Read more at [www.year4god.com/](http://www.year4god.com/)

**University Catholic Chaplaincy.** For our parishioners heading out to universities, don't forget to check out the chaplaincy. Most universities have a chaplaincy, and they can be a real home from home, which is important if you are feeling out on a limb. They are places where you can pop in for a cup of tea, talk to other students and talk to the chaplain. A good chaplaincy will also organise social events, and will of course offer daily Mass. Some chaplaincies also have a Facebook presence.

### **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** **Baptisms**—Firstly, speak to Fr.David after Mass on any Sunday email [wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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