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23rd—30th October

Sat 23rd 10am *Judy & Wanda's Ints.*

Sat: 23rd 6pm *Seamus Boyle R.I.P.*

Sun: 24th 9am *Lerisa Antonio R.I.P.*

Sun: 24th 11am *Pro Populo*

Mon: 25th No Mass

Tue: 26th 10am *Shaw Family Ints.*

Wed: 27th 10am *Kathy Child's Ints.*

Wed: 27th 12 Noon

Thur: 28th 10am *Simon—Thanksgiving*

Fri: 29th 10am *David Evans R.I.P.*

Sat: 30th 10am *In Thanksgiving*

Sat: 30th 6pm *Pro Populo*

Public Mass

Wantage: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am

Sunday 9am Wantage

Sunday 11am Lambourn

No Booking needed for weekday Masses

Booking for Weekend Masses essential. Please book by 5pm on Friday.

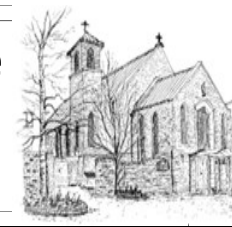
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Year B 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th October 2021

Believing Without Seeing.



Have we lost our belief in what we cannot see? Do we start to pray for something but stop mid sentence feeling sure that God can't be listening. Even if he is listening, why on earth would he grant our unimportant prayers? Perhaps we cannot remember a time when a prayer was answered and so lose hope. Perhaps we have had a prayer answered but imagine it was more likely to be some great coincidence or a stroke of luck than God at work. Today's gospel is a lesson in faith and prayer. The story starts in a place many of our prayers begin, in a place of darkness desperation and raw need. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar shows us what faith is all about. He knows that Jesus is passing by and knowing that this might be his one and only chance of a cure, seizes his opportunity. He shouts out and keeps shouting despite others telling him to pipe down. He is eager, assertive, and full of hope. Bartimaeus shows us that faith is all about believing that God can do something for us that we cannot do for ourselves; and to persist in asking. It becomes clear that the story is not just about a physical healing but a spiritual awakening. Once Bartimaeus had encountered Jesus, he must surely have embarked upon a life of commitment to Christ. So it is with our own lives. Once we have understood how Jesus works in our lives, it will become the most natural thing in the world to place Christ at the centre of everything we do.



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 .

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

Donate online at

www.marysmeals.org/donate

Saint Vincent de Paul Society If you know anyone who is in need of help, please email the parish office. More information www.svp.org.uk

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October—*Evangelisation* -Missionary Disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel. **On World Mission Sunday (24th October 2021)** we are asked to renew our commitment to evangelisation.

Symposium on Politics and Religion—online Saturday 6th November, with an exciting line-up of speakers and topics! Our two keynote speakers are Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg and Rt. Hon. Ruth Kelly, both tackling the question: "Should Religion have a Role in Politics Today?" Besides the Keynotes, there is also a choice of workshops on immigration, homelessness, diversity, being a Christian on the front line of politics, climate change and Catholic social teaching. More information and booking at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/symposium>

COP26 taking place in Glasgow 31st October –12th November
Bishop Philip is asking all our parishes over the weekend 30th and 31st October, the 'vigil' of COP26, to hold a Holy Hour of prayer and petition and he invites everyone to join in that Hour of Prayer. It will be an opportunity for us to pray for the leaders meeting at COP26 that God will provide them with the courage necessary to take action on behalf of the environment and the world's poorest.
For a sample of Liturgy for private or public use see Portsmouth enews <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue340>



October—Month of the Holy Rosary "In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within, all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived." *Pope Benedict XVI*

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.

Synod of Bishops

The next Synod of Bishops in 2023 is on the topic: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." The three-year synodal journey has three phases (diocesan, continental, universal), culminating with the assembly in Rome in October 2023. The objective of the diocesan phase is the consultation of the people of God. The key thing is the actual process itself: prayer, meeting in a group and the conversation (listening to each other and sharing). More information will follow.

Mission Sunday 24th October

Envelopes at the back of Church. Please place your offering envelope in the basket as you leave.

St Jude and St Simon 28th October *Praying For A Desperate Cause?*

St. Jude is often, in popular usage, referred to as the patron of desperate causes, the "saint of last resort," the one you ask for help when all else fails. Jude's feast day is linked with St Simon because tradition has it that Simon preached in Egypt and then went to Persia with St. Jude, where both suffered martyrdom.



Saturday, 23rd October, Annual Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life. It's now over fifty years since the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect and since then, over ten million babies have been aborted in the UK, more than one in four of all pregnancies. Last year the number of abortions in England and Wales climbed further to over 210,860. 4,494 of these babies were aborted because they had a disability. As Catholics, we are a people of life and Bishop Philip asks us to keep every 23rd October, the day the Abortion Act was passed, as a diocesan Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life.

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

Other Priests in the area :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332