

11th April– 18th April

Sat 11th 10am Gina Mc Carthy RIP
Sat 11th 6pm Tudor Morgan BEM RIP
Sun 12th 9am Richard Dickinson RIP
Sun 12th 11am Pro Pop
Mon 13th 10am
Tues 14th 10am
Weds 15th 10am
Weds 15th 12 Noon
Thurs 16th 10am Vocations
Fri 17th 10am
Sat 18th 10am
Sat 18th 6pm Heda & Frank Mangan RIP
Sun 19th 9am Pro Pop
Sun 19th 11am (Lambourn) Jeroen Visser RIP



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Second Sunday of Easter 12th April 2026



Moving Mountains

We live in an age where everything has to be 'seen to be believed'. If we haven't heard it on Breakfast News or read it on the front page of 'The Independent', then it can't be true. For a scientist to act in faith rather than on proven fact, or for a detective to make an arrest without hard evidence would be deemed negligent. Faith is the domain of the non-scientific. Faith is reserved for when we follow our hearts and our instincts. The solely scientific see no validation for faith, and yet we are told that faith has the power to move mountains. The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is interesting in that it addresses doubt in the first place. If Jesus wasn't expecting us to suffer doubts, why address the subject in the first place? We are brought up to think of faith as good and doubt as bad, but would God really want us to bury our doubts and fake our religious experience? For all of us who do not have the benefit of Thomas's first hand experience, the good news is that doubt and faith are opposite sides of the same coin. Honest doubt can ultimately lead to a stronger faith. Doubt leads to questions, and whereas questions don't always lead to answers, they almost always lead to spiritual growth. Today we are encouraged to believe without seeing. No, we're not being asked to silence our doubts or to leave our brains at the church door! The reality of our faith boils down not to what we are able or not able to believe, but who we believe in. Can trusting Jesus give us faith enough to move mountains?

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.

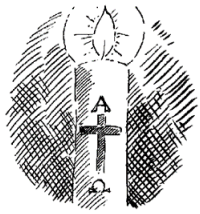


In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter, Terry O'Hara, Rebecca O'Hara, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Mike and Maria Oliver Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan.

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now temporarily closed. All correspondence/phone calls and emails should be directed to Fr. David's numbers. Available on the front of the newsletter. Please be

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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.



Not Just Easter Sunday

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

Divine Mercy Sunday On this day we are invited to develop our trust in God's mercy, however difficult that might sometimes seem. Life has a habit of throwing curveballs, and some weeks we feel we're barely keeping up. Divine Mercy Sunday gently reminds us that we don't have to have everything sorted before we turn to God. His mercy meets us exactly where we are. Perhaps this week, take a quiet moment to breathe, say a simple prayer, or reach out to someone who might need a bit of kindness. Small steps open big doors, and God's mercy does the rest.

Gift Aid Donations

Thank you to all who support the parish through planned giving and online donations. If you are a UK taxpayer and you register for Gift Aid, the government gives the parish an extra 25% on top of what you have given, at no extra cost to you. We need to update our files so you may get an email from us soon to reregister gift Aid. Please take the time to fill this in so we can continue to claim. If you are not a Gift Aider please consider it.

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration**
St. John Vianney
Wednesdays 7-8pm

Scripture Study continues this week Tuesday 7pm A weekly look at the following week's readings on Zoom. All Welcome

Please pray for our first Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates as they continue their preparation for the reception of the Sacraments

Thank ~You

Following a wonderful Easter I would like to thank you all for all your support encouragement and Easter gifts. We were very blessed this year to have a baptism and receptions. The Triduum was a wonderful celebration. Thank you to all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to add to our wonderful community efforts. May God continue to bless our efforts at building His community.

Care for Our Common Home The Big Spring Clean 2026

To do:-

- Organise a litter pick to safely dispose of single use plastics.
- Declutter, recycle and donate to charity shops. Switch to eco friendly products. Make spring cleaning cloths from old polo shirts that aren't good enough to give to the charity shops.

Children's Area at the back of St Johns. We are blessed that we now have so many children using our special area at the back of church. We need to make sure that it is only used by the very young children. Children of school going age (Year 3 and above) may need to sit with their parents in the body of the church.

As we celebrate Easter and the Church it reminds me that we still need volunteers for all the Ministries. Please consider joining one. Children's liturgy, Readers, Cleaning etc. How about sacristan? Washing Church Linen? All crucial to the smooth running of the Parish.

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 ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn anne.strickland@mail.com

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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