

## Mass Times 21st - 28th February 2026

Sat 28th 10am Fr Pat Faughnan RIP

Sat 28th 6pm *Tania Tompkins RIP*

Sun 1st 9am Pro Pop

Sun 1st 11am *Florence Heath RIP*

Mon 2nd 10am

Tues 3rd 10am

Weds 4th 10am *Mary Lynch RIP*

Weds 4th 12 Noon (*Lambourn*)

Weds 4th 7pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Thurs 5th 10am *Vocations*

Fri 6th 10am *Elaine Kealy's Ints*

Sat 7th 10am

Sat 7th 6pm *Adam Koch's ints*



QR Code to Register

Prayers please for Canon Peter who is ill in Hospital

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



**In your prayers**, please remember all who have died recently especially Roy Kemp, and those whose anniversaries occur around this . Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter, Terry O'Hara, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Bu-

**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 patient with us.**

### 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**

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### Year A 2nd Sunday in Lent 1st March 2026



### Believing Jesus is the Son of God

Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps, they say, he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

**Choir News!** Choir practice for the Easter Services this week on Fridays 27th Feb and 6th March at 7.30pm in Church. All voices welcome please come along you will be welcome.

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



**Volunteers Please** - If you have an hour to spare on Saturday morning at 11am, please would you consider coming along to help with Church cleaning. We have very few regular volunteers. The more who come, the quicker it gets done.

**Re register** - Please use the QR code over to re register as a parishioner and continue to receive the newsletter and other parish information. form.

**Volunteers Needed Urgently.** We urgently need volunteers for our Digital strategy Team. Are you good with Websites? Could you give some time to the Parish as we work with the Area in our new Digital

**The Second Collection this weekend is for CAFOD Family Fast Day.**

“This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. Donations in the basket or directly to CAFOD.

World Day of Prayer. A Service for Everyone Friday March 6th at 14:30 Grove Methodist Church Main Street Grove. Organised by the Women of Nigeria this year.

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention: March 2026**  
**For disarmament and peace**

Pope Leos' March intention invites us to pray for disarmament and lasting peace — and there's plenty we can do in our own quiet way. We can start by choosing peace in our daily conversations, refusing to fuel anger or division. We can write to our MPs encouraging support for diplomatic solutions, or back charities working with communities affected by conflict. Even small habits help: learning about peacebuilding, supporting refugees locally, or simply praying the Rosary with this intention in mind. Each gentle act becomes a seed of peace — and together, they really do make a difference. This month Pope Leo invites us to pray “... **that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.**”



### Lent devotions

Stations of the Cross Wednesday evenings at 7pm followed by Benediction.

Stations of the Cross Friday after 10am Mass.

Scripture study Tuesday evenings during Lent 7pm.

Why not join us?

**Invitation To Volunteer Catechists** – as our parish continues to grow, our Pastoral Area Formation Team are seeking to recruit more volunteers to serve as catechists. In particular, we need more volunteers to work with our Children's Liturgy group. Catechists support learners in exploring scripture, the sacraments, prayer and Christian living. If you would like to know more, please just add your name to the list on the notice board and Gabriella will contact you.

### Care for Our Common Home Carbon Fast For Lent

In his famous encyclical, Laudato Si, Pope Francis highlights how the lives of people in poor countries are affected for the worst by the changing climate. What we buy, what we eat, how we travel and how we heat our homes all contribute to our carbon footprints. Changing our lifestyles overnight is difficult but we can all begin to take small steps that can change our understanding and behaviour. Doing this during Lent, as part of our Lenten observances, can help us place our actions in the context of our faith and strive to be better stewards of God's creation. Here are a couple of ideas to get you started.

Turn down the thermostat to 18 degrees C. Even one degree will save energy, and money! If you're feeling the cold, pull on a woolly jumper!

Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth. One source claims doing this will save 25 gallons of water a month!

Unplug mobile phone chargers, and anything else that has a transformer attached. 8% of electricity consumed at home is from appliances we aren't even using.

### 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

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

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