

Mass Times 15th - 22nd April

Sat 15th 10am *Maria & Jan Smietana R.I.P.*

Sat 15th 6pm *Romana Hobler R.I.P.*

Sun 16th 9am *Dec'd Members of Moran Family R.I.P.*

Sun 16th 11am *Pro Populo (at Lambourn)*

Mon 17th No Mass

Tues 18th 10am *Patrick Bergin R.I.P.*

Weds 19th 10am

Weds 19th 12 Noon *(at Lambourn)*

Weds 19th 7pm Adoration

Thurs 20th 10am *Mary Makinson R.I.P.*

Fri 21st 10am *Christine Hill's Ints.*

Sat 22nd 10am *Joseph Simpson's Ints.*

Cold and flu -

If you feel unwell please test for covid before coming to Mass so that we can protect the vulnerable. Thank you.

All Masses at St. John Vianney are on Zoom. Masses at Sacred Heart Lambourn are not available on Zoom.

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Michael Petterson, Patricia Senior, Patrick Callaghan, Jim Lynch, Bob Dore, Cath Walwyn, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Gwen Charlton, Julie Garvey, Reginald Butterfield, Doreen Clure, Margaret Conroy, Hilda Corkery, Alfred Down, Arthur Williams, Frank Cooke. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Kathy Child, Dot Armstrong, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, 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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Year A 2nd Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023

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?

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April - For a culture of peace and non-violence We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass

Course for Church Readers: run by the Dominican Sisters. 2 online sessions to help readers proclaim the Word of God with confidence, understanding, conviction and clarity.
On **Saturdays 3rd and 10th June** in the morning, **from 10 am to 1 pm**.
Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsf-2vpz0iG9Vb2cpgDsFXQyPevrokQAHT>
You can also check everything the sisters currently offer here: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Fr. Claro (Blessed Hugh at Faringdon) will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November. Information leaflets are available in the porch.

Bishop Philip's 6 Holy Habits

1. To keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass
2. To spend 5 minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures
3. To do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy
4. Every fortnight to come and visit the Blessed Sacrament
5. To go to Confession once a month
6. To join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship.

Do you think you may have a calling to join the Diaconate? There will be an information event on Saturday, 27th May, 2023 at English Martyrs Church, Didcot from 9am – 2pm where you'll get to hear first hand, from those who are involved and what it's been like for them. If you would like to attend, call Pam on 07883 059529 or email diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Contact us through the parish office or on this number 07842271596. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.

St. John Vianney Food Bank and SVP - Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the boxes marked "Food Bank" and "SVP" in the Church porch.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to stir within us an increase in Faith, Hope, and Charity.



Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April - St. John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000 during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938), a Polish nun and mystic who received messages from Jesus encouraging devotion to his merciful heart.
Our nearest Divine Mercy services are: 2:30pm at Greyfiars, Iffley Rd Oxford or at 3pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Hungerford.

Thank You to All who made this Easter so special. It was lovely to see so many people attending the Triduum and Easter services. Huge thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church; the cleaners, flower arrangers, musicians and singers and of course our wonderful Altar Servers. On a personal note, a huge thank you for your kindness to me with so many cards and generous Easter gifts and offerings. Fr. D



Date for your Diary Sunday 7th May

Coronation Weekend.

Pease join us in the hall after 9am Mass for

The Big Breakfast

to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

There will be bacon/sausage/breakfast rolls with vegetarian options, Croissants, Danish pastries, tea/coffee and soft drinks.
Also, games and an art competition for the children.



Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

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 :

Mgr Andrew Burnham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

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