

Mass Times 30th April - 7th May

Sat 30th 6pm *Mervyn Shipsey R.I.P.*

Sun 1st May 9am *Keith Salmon R.I.P.*

Sun 1st 11am *Pro Populo*

Mon 2nd No Mass

Tues 3rd No Mass

Wed 4th No Mass

Wed 4th Midday No Mass

Thurs 5th 10am

Thurs 5th Midday *Joe Scanlon R.I.P. (F)*

Fri 6th 10am *Peter Smith R.I.P.*

Sat 7th 10am *Moirra Boxall R.I.P.*

Covid Restrictions

Following the H&S meeting, we continue to recommend the wearing of masks, though it is now a personal choice. We request that if you show any symptoms or have tested positive, you do not attend Mass as this will support our vulnerable parishioners. We will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you for all your patience.



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Year C 3rd Sunday of Easter 1st May 2022

Second Chances



After the Resurrection, we might have expected the disciples to rush off in a frenzy of enthusiasm spreading the good news, but no, today we find them back on the lake fishing. When you stop for a minute to imagine what it might have been like to be in Peter's shoes perhaps it isn't all that surprising. Peter had given up everything for Jesus and promised his all. But despite all his promises, Peter had ended up denying Jesus three times. Almost certainly he would have been suffering from feelings of crippling guilt and insurmountable failure. Is it really any wonder that fishing suddenly seemed a more attractive option than evangelising? But for Jesus, giving up is not an option. Jesus appears at dawn by the lakeside where he asks Peter. "Do you love me?" Three times Jesus asks the same question ... the same number of times that Peter had previously denied him. It's as though Jesus is giving Peter the chance to put right a wrong. This is part of Peter's healing process. This is Peter's big chance to put his hopes and dreams back on track. Then Jesus, who has known all along what is in Peter's heart, gives him a gentle reminder of his commission to shepherd his Church.

There's a heartening message for us too in this story. How many times do we see in the Bible people getting not just second chances but third and fourth chances? We can get things wrong and we can let ourselves down ... but God who knows what is in our hearts, reminds us that he is there to take away the burden of our guilt and of our failures and set before us new horizons and second chances. We are not expected to be perfect; we are only expected to be human.

11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.

Find us at www.wantagecatholicparish.org and sacredheartlambourn.org



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Richard Wells, Sybil Murphy, Dame Catherine Wybourne, Carl Oberman, Noel Monahan, Denis Buckley, Aristides Patrinos, Michael Carroll. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially John Gemmell, Pete Gray, Margaret

Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Sr. Veronica O.P., Tom Carney, Gloria Allen 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 :

PRCDTR 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2022

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Missio Red Box Holders

Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries would like to thank you for raising £629.00 in 2021 through the Red Box, direct debits and online donations. The past two years have been challenging for us all and it is a tribute to you to have kept supporting our global Church through prayer and generous giving.

If you would like to know more about the work of Missio, our rep is Anne Hodgson who can be contacted through the parish office.

The Dominican Sisters are offering the following online courses:

- **What is baptism and what does it do?**
- **Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?**
- **Online Workshops for readers with 1:1 practice**

Find out more details and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk>

Right to Life - "Last Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers and unborn children. We pray that we, like her, may have the courage to stand up for the lives of unborn children.

Little People - Tess is currently looking after a refugee family who are in need of girls clothes, age 3-4. Also needed, a child's size wardrobe. Small items can be dropped off at Church, please mark your bags "Little People". For larger items, contact Tess through the parish office. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596

Saint Joseph The Worker *1st May*

In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955. In an effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has from the beginning proudly emphasised that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. As Christians and as workers, we are reminded of the dignity of human work and the fulfilment of God's command in Genesis to care for the earth (Gen 2:15).



Lepra Appeal— This weekend

"Today more than 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, 50 of these will be children". **Over 7 million people** are currently affected by this life-changing disability, many of these are unable to access treatment for this curable disease and many experiencing severe discrimination and prejudice. "Lepra works to **find, treat and rehabilitate** these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. Our mission is to beat leprosy and with your support we can achieve this soon". Donations can be made in the collection basket labelled "Lepra" or at Donate.lepra.org.uk

The Second Collection Next Weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund, in support of our ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood. <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians>

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
St. Amand's School [01235 833342](tel:01235833342) . website: www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk
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