

## 18th April– 26th April

Sat 25th 10am Simon's Ints

Sat 25th 6pm Judith Kershaw RIP

Sun 26th 9am Norman Green RIP

Sun 26th 11am (*Lambourn*) Dermott Ffrench RIP

Mon 27th 10am

Tues 28th 10am Shaun Dawson's ints

Weds 29th 10am Maggie and Ted Legassick's ints

Weds 29th (*Lambourn*) 12 Noon

Thurs 30th 10am Pro Pop

Fri 1st 10am

Sat 2nd 10am

Sat 2nd 6pm Johnny Mc Grath RIP

Sun 3rd 9am Krystyna Burczynska RIP

Sun 3rd 11am (*Lambourn*) Pro Pop



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## Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April 2026



### Who Wants to be a Sheep!

Who wants to be likened to a sheep! Sheep are seen as silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. When Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', he is not asking us to behave like sheep, rather he is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'. As followers, we are not asked to follow blindly, we are asked to discern his voice and his values in a world full of distractions and competing values.

From the moment we get out of bed in the morning there are a million and one demands vying for our attention. We make a list of things we have to do in a day and discover we have more things to do than hours to do them in. Most of the things we have to do are things that we will get into trouble for if we don't do them. We have to go to work or we won't get paid. We have to do the housework or we will be considered dysfunctional. We have to pay the bills or we will receive a court summons. We have to help our children with their homework or we will get disapproving letters home from the school. Finding time to listen for Jesus' voice probably isn't on our 'list-to-do'.

The good news is that we don't have to add Jesus to the list; Jesus is part of the list. The trick is to know, that Jesus' voice is in every little job that we do, and in each one of our day to day activities. We don't need a special time to sit down and listen to what Jesus is telling us. Hearing Jesus' voice is a habit we need to develop on a day to day basis. The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best, the voice that encourages us not to gossip, the voice that encourages us not to ignore the person who needs a lift at home time. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears from the first moment we get out of bed in the morning to last thing at night. The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life.

### 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 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**

**Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.**

## Good Shepherd Sunday

Pope Leo XIV has released his message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. *Call from Within: Discovering the Beauty of Your Vocation*

What if your vocation isn't something you choose, but a gift already waiting within you? In this powerful message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we're invited to slow down, listen, and rediscover the quiet place where God speaks. The Good Shepherd calls each person by name - not with pressure, but with love - leading us on a path where life becomes truly beautiful. Through prayer, silence, and trust, we begin to recognize His voice and uncover a unique purpose shaped just for us. This is not a one-size-fits-all journey, but an adventure of love that unfolds over time. Whether in marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life, every vocation grows through relationship with Christ, deepens through trust, and blossoms through daily faithfulness. Pause. Listen. Trust. You might just discover that God has been calling you all along. For his full message: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/vocations/documents/20260316-messaggio-vocazioni.html>

**Lyford Grange Mass**. Sunday May 10th Celebrant Fr. Kevin O'Driscoll 3.30pm assemble at the Tithe Barn. Lyford Grange for mass at 4pm.

**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

**The Tyburn Martyrs Walk** will take place on Sunday May 17th. We will meet at 1.30pm in the churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road) and will walk to the site of Tyburn gallows, honouring the courageous Catholic martyrs who met their deaths there in the 16th and 17th centuries. We will finish with Benediction and Tea at Tyburn Convent. To help with arrangements, please let the organisers know that you are coming: [info@tyburnmartyrswalk.co.uk](mailto:info@tyburnmartyrswalk.co.uk)  
More information: [www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com)

## Essential Training for Catechists – Light of Truth

Dominican Sisters of St Joseph Offer Live Catholic Formation online for everyone. Three Saturday Sessions from 9.00am to 12noon covering the basic principles of catechesis. Suitable for beginners, new volunteer catechists or as a refresher for expert ones.

Session 1 – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026: What is Catechesis?

Session 2 – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026: Using the Bible and the Catechism

Session 3 – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Practicalities

If you would like to attend, you can register directly online following the link underneath or speak to Gabriella.

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/essential-training-for-catechists-2026-05-16-09-00>

**Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years?**

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration.

This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

### 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

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

#### Other Priests in the area :

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