

Mass Times 13th - 20 April 2024

Sat 13th 10am *Erin Samlers' Ints.*

Sat 13th 6pm *Richard Dickinson R.I.P.*

Sun 14th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 14th 11am (*Lambourn*)

Mon 15th 10am *John McNichols' Ints.*

Tues 16th 10am *Jeanne Davis' Ints.*

Weds 17th 10am *Michael Eyre R.I.P.*

Weds 17th No Mass at Lambourn

Weds 17th Holy Hour 7pm

Thurs 18th 10am

Fri 19th 10am *Dorothy & Peter Smith R.I.P.*

Sat 20th 10am *Raymond Traynor R.I.P.*

Sat 20th 6pm *Nelly Haas R.I.P.*

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

Confessions St. John Vianney Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Nora O'Malley, Doug Frewer, Michael Eyre, Patricia Halifax, Mary Robinson, Pete Gray, Charlie Webb and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Richard Wells, Cathy Child, Julie Garvey, Reginald Butterfield, Hilda (Cis) Corkery, Stella Gardiner, Alfred Down, Winifred Barrett, Arthur Williams, Rosemary Comyn, Margaret Gooley, Frank Cooke, Hilda Warren, Dennis Gooley. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Isabel Smith, Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Sue Maher, 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 B 3rd Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024



Finding the Meaning

Were the other disciples really so very different from Doubting Thomas? When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines four pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. They can look at the marks on his hands and feet, they can touch him to check that he is really flesh and bone, and they can watch him eat a meal that they have prepared. The fourth proof is when Jesus opens their minds so that they can understand the prophecies that were made in the Old Testament, and which he has fulfilled by rising from the dead.

We are not as lucky as the first disciples. Two thousand years down the line we do not have the benefit of their first-hand experience. We cannot look at Jesus, we cannot touch him, or share a meal. The fourth proof though, the prophecies in the Old Testament are still there for us to read. The only trouble is, the Bible isn't always an easy book to read. We read a passage and fail to understand it. Sometimes we think we understand the literal meaning but the words fail to offer any significance. It would be good if Jesus could open our minds up as he did for those first disciples when they had trouble understanding the meaning of his death and resurrection. One thing is for sure, understanding the Bible isn't going to happen magically, just as it didn't happen overnight for the disciples. We know that everything worthwhile takes effort. Playing a musical instrument takes years of practice. Being good at a sport takes considerable training. Learning a language demands a concerted amount of study and hard work. So too, we have to apply ourselves to understanding what we read in the Bible. We have to consider each passage for some time before we can really grasp it ... sometimes a single verse or phrase. Often we can derive great satisfaction from knowing that those parts we struggled with the longest hold the greatest meaning. The Bible yields up its greatest treasures to those who persevere.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April - For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Join us in the hall for refreshments
after 9am Mass

Scripture Study - this week will be on Thursday 7-7:30pm on Zoom

Season of Easter - Easter isn't just one day; it's a 'season'. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday". The gospel readings for the first three Sundays recount the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are assigned to the Fourth Sunday. On the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays, there are excerpts from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the last supper.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - This year's pilgrimage is from Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July. In this designated Year of Prayer, pilgrimage is a particular form of prayer and Lourdes has been a very special place of prayer and healing since Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. If any of our young people aged 16 years or over would like to apply to assist less able pilgrims, please contact the parish office or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration at
St. John Vianney Wednesday Evenings 7– 8pm**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office . Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.



Office Hours -Tuesday 11-1:30 Thursday & Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

Please pray for our young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on Sunday 28th April.



Day of Recollection at Littlemore - Saturday 11th May 10am-4pm

John Henry Newman was received into the Church at Littlemore on 9th October 1845. The college has once again become a place of prayer and worship and now houses a substantial collection of Newman related literature on the site of his library. For more information e-mail: littlemore@newman-friends.org

Pentecost Retreat - 7th-18th May. The Carmelite Priory at Boar's Hill are offering an online retreat entitled "Unwrapping the Fruits of the Holy Spirit". More information at www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/pentecost-retreat-2024/

St Amand's Catholic Primary School, East Hendred - Please visit our friendly school to see how much a Catholic education has to offer. If you would like to know more please contact the Headteacher Mrs Ellery on [01235 833342](tel:01235833342) . website: www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk or email office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

Mary's Meals - To support Mary's Meals school feeding programme across the Tigray region in Ethiopia, which is a lifeline to children living in poverty, we are invited to make an online donation at www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/crisis-in-ethiopia A donation of £19.15 will feed a child for a whole year, but you can of course make any donation you can afford.

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 :

Fr. Matthew Topham East Hendred Tel: 01235 835038

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