

## 18th April– 26th April

Sat 18th 10am

Sat 19th 6pm Heda & Frank Mangan RIP

Sun 19th 9am Pro Pop

Sun 19th 11am (*Lambourn*) Jeroen Visser RIP

Mon 20th 10am Private Intention

Tues 21st 10am Dawson Family Ints

Weds 22nd 10am

Weds 22nd (*Lambourn*) 12 Noon

Thurs 23rd 10am Christine Hill's Ints

Fri 24th 10am Peter and Dot Smith RIP

Sat 25th 10am Simon's Ints

Sat 25th 6pm Judith Kershaw RIP

Sun 19th 9am Norman Green RIP

Sun 19th 11am (*Lambourn*) Pro Pop



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## Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2026



### Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw

Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

### 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.**

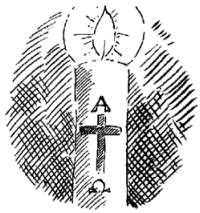
### Collections Thank You

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.**



### Not Just Easter Sunday

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.



### Saint George 23rd April

When the pagan Emperor Diocletian started persecuting Christians, St. George pleaded with the Emperor to spare their lives. However, St. George's pleas fell on deaf ears and it is thought that the Emperor Diocletian tried to make St. George deny his faith in Christ, by torturing him. St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine on 23rd April, 303.

There is much talk nowadays about the apathy surrounding Saint George's day and about what we should do to celebrate it, but we could do no worse than make St. George's commitment to stand up for the persecuted our own. Okay, it's highly unlikely that St George ever killed a dragon, Perhaps we could use the feast day as a 'prompt' to slay our own dragons whatever they might be ..... laziness, greed, the need to gossip or put people down. Happy St George's Day!

**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>

### Care For Our Common Home

#### **Spring Cleaning with Natural Products.**

There are lots of websites out there showing you how to make your own cleaning products from natural ingredients. The benefits of natural cleaning products are that you will eliminate plastic packaging and harmful chemicals. The easiest ingredient to have around is bicarbonate of soda. Baking soda has been used for over a century as a way to deodorise, clean and scour away dirt. You can easily use this alone to clean sinks, toilets, baths, ovens, fridges and surfaces to remove dirt and stains.

**Gift Aid.** Thank you to all those who filled in the GA Form online. If you are still to do it please take the time this week to fill this in so we can continue to claim. If you are not a Gift Aider please consider it.. It really helps Parish finances.

### 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)

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