

Mass Times 1st - 8th April

Sat 1st 10am

Sat 1st 6pm *Tudor Morgan BEM R.I.P.*

Sun 2nd 9am *Virginia Harper's Ints.*

Sun 2nd 11am *Pro Populo (at Lambourn)*

Mon 3rd No Mass

Tues 4th No Mass at St. John Vianney - Chrism Mass at St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth.

Weds 5th 10am *Miss Raab's Ints. (F)*

Weds 5th 12 Noon *(at Lambourn)*

Weds 5th 2pm *Funeral Service for James Lynch*

Weds 5th 7pm Stations of the Cross

Thurs 6th Maundy Thursday 7:30pm *Gina McCarthy R.I.P.*

Followed by watching in the hall until 10pm

Fri 7th Good Friday 12 Noon Passion *(at Lambourn)*

3pm Passion *(St. John Vianney)*

Sat 8th Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil Mass *John & Johnny Glyn & Rory Gallagher R.I.P.*

Sun 9th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 9th 11am *(at Lambourn)*

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAYS

10:30 to 11am

Last opportunity
for Confessions for
Easter will be on
Holy Saturday
morning
9:30 to 11am

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



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Year A Passion Sunday 2nd April 2023

What's the Point?



Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two thousand year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd... infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough?

We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise.

We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Patricia Senior, Patrick Callaghan, Jim Lynch, Bob Dore, Cath Walwyn, , and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Richard Wells, Syb Murphy, Patrick Bergin, Harry Whitworth, Romero Urcelay, Kath Roberts, Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Kathy

Child, Michael Petterson, 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.

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 after 9am Sunday Mass



The Sponsored Rowing Challenge - Congratulations Cambridge! And Matt! - Not only did Cambridge win the Boat Race they also won the Rowing Challenge. Fr. D eventually completed, but only after lots of groaning and moaning. You'd think that after 40,000 strokes rowed 35,000 calories burned, he'd be half the man he was on starting out but not an ounce lost. I must admit that even though he was supposed to be off chocolate for Lent I did see the empty wrappers of his Toblerone Easter eggs. He denies eating them but all I can say is "the proof of the pudding is in the eating". And this pudding has definitely been eaten!! Don't forget the sponsor money. There is a basket at the back of Church. Huge thanks to everyone.

Flowers for The Easter Garden - if you can help with the decoration of the Easter garden Fr. D would like bunches of daffodils or small bowls of daffodil bulbs (flowering). Thank you for your donations which can be left in Fr's porch any time up to Easter Saturday morning.

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.

Date for your diary Sunday 7th May Coronation Weekend. The Big Breakfast. Children's games and art competition. We will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III after 9am Mass at St. John Vianney. Further information in due course.

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 guide all those preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation at Easter



Special Collection on Good Friday - For the Holy Places of Palestine - The collection was created "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." Pope Paul VI
You can donate in the basket in the porch or online at -
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-second-collection-2023>

Easter Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day, unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery... so do your best if possible, to make it to all of the services.

Holy Thursday 6th April - Washing of the Feet is a significant part of the liturgy of The Mass of The Lord's Supper, where "God gets down on His knees for us and asks us to do the same for one another". (Fr. Dan Schlegel <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/>)
Fr. David needs 12 volunteers so please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

7 April: Good Friday Walking the Way of the Cross in partnership with other local churches:

Gather in Kingsgrove Square from 11am, for a joint walk stopping for times of worship and reflection at Kingsgrove, Holy Trinity Charlton, St John Vianney Catholic Church and Wantage Market Place.

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 :

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