

## Mass Times 6th - 13th April 2024

**Sat 6th 10am** *Phillip & Nid Timmins Ints.*

**Sat 6th 6pm** *Tudor Morgan B.E.M. R.I.P.*

**Sun 7th 9am** *James Birks' Ints.*

**Sun 7th 11am** *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

**Mon 8th 10am** *Remedios Otero R.I.P.*

**Tues 9th 10am** *Maria Teresa Otero R.I.P.*

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

**Weds 10th 12 Noon** *(Lambourn)*

**Thurs 11th 10am** *Seamus Mangan R.I.P.*

**Fri 12th 10am** *Doug Frewer R.I.P.*

**Sat 13th 10am** *Erin Samler's Ints.*

**Sat 13th 6pm** *Richard Dickinson 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 2nd Sunday of Easter 7th April 2024



### Doubt and Disbelief

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is aimed at all those generations of people who will not see the risen Lord, yet are asked to believe. So are we really being asked to believe in what we cannot see or hear or touch, when even those closest to Jesus had problems in accepting what was happening?

In today's gospel we see Thomas struggling with a problem that many of us still struggle with today. Thomas desperately wanted to believe in the risen Jesus, but he wasn't the sort of person to pretend he understood something when he didn't. He wasn't the sort of person that could pretend that he didn't have doubts when he did. There are many of us today who desperately want deeper meaning in our lives. There are those amongst us who have become disillusioned with the Church and wish they could embrace what it once meant. There are many of us who would like to find a deeper faith but have found only stumbling blocks. Like Thomas, we find that the gap between faith and doubt is too big a leap.

For those who find belief elusive, there is an uncomfortable beatitude in today's gospel. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." This can feel like a reproach to those of us who harbour doubts, but the important thing to remember is that doubt isn't the same thing as disbelief. Doubt can be a good thing even. Doubt means that we are still questioning something that we care about. Doubt means that we are still looking for answers ..... that we are still learning and growing. Doubt is a tool that we can use to carve a mature faith. Belief isn't something we either have or haven't got ... belief is a process, and the end product of that process, is one's own spiritual self.

**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.

**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.

**Congratulations** to James Birks who was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this very special time.

**Margaret Eyre** would like to thank everyone for all your cards, flowers, kind thoughts and prayers for Michael over the past few weeks. Your kindness is much appreciated. Thank you also to all our parishioners who attended Michael's funeral and to Ann and the team who prepared a lovely array of buffet food in the hall.

**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](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

What does God's mercy actually mean? On this day we are reminded that there is no sin so great that God cannot forgive. We may have put our own weaknesses to the back of our minds, but today is an invitation to put all our troubles before God.

**Divine Mercy Devotions will be held at:**

St. Edmund and St. Frideswide (Greyfriars) Iffley Rd OX4 1SB starting at 2:30pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Hungerford starting at 2:45pm.

**The Annunciation - Solemnity - 8th April****Saying Yes to Jesus**

At the Annunciation, Mary's consent was one of the most important moments in the history of salvation and in the unfolding of the Eucharistic mystery. We call that moment her 'fiat', the first word in a Latin phrase that means "Be it done unto me according to your word." When we say yes to God, we allow his grace to be fruitful. When we say no, we are missing big opportunities to be part God's picture.

Join us in the hall for refreshments  
after 9am Mass

**Thank you** - to all who helped to make our Easter celebrations so beautiful. Those who prepared the Church by cleaning, the flower group who decorated so beautifully to all the readers and our choir and musicians. My thanks as always for your kindness to me in your Easter offerings which is very much appreciated.

**Movie Music Clips/Dancing Nights fundraiser at Walwyn Hall Lambourn.**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 until 10pm. Tickets are £10 or £15 with food. There is a licenced bar. For tickets please contact Jane on 07766403045 or Marion. There will be a raffle so if you are able to donate a raffle prize please see Marion.

**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

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