

2nd May–10th May

Sat 2nd 10am Mary Turbitts ints

Sat 2nd 6pm Johnny Mc Grath RIP

Sun 3rd 9am Krystyna Burczynska RIP

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

Mon 4th 10am

Tues 5th 10am No Mass

Weds 6th 10am *Grey Family's ints*

Weds 6th (*Lambourn*) 12 Noon

Thurs 7th 10am Vocations

Fri 8th 10am Claire Skeet's ints

Sat 9th 10am Pro Pop

Sat 9th 6pm Brian Green RIP

Sun 10th 9am *Graham O'Connor RIP*

Sun 10th 11am (*Lambourn*) *Marjorie Moran RIP*



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Fifth Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2026



Finding the Best Way

Prisons are full of people who have never set out to make poor decisions. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by misguided parents, by mistakes we have made and never corrected, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want

God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it. If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

For Our Younger Parishioners

Over the next days and weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Remember to keep the young people of the parish in your prayers. We petition for clear thinking, inspiration, guidance and calm.

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.

Lyford Grange Mass.

Sunday May 10th

Celebrant Fr. Kevin O'Driscoll 3.30pm assemble at the Tithe Barn. Lyford Grange for mass at 4pm.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

Thank you so much for all the lovely messages and really generous gifts I received on my retirement. Being parish administrator has been the best job and I've enjoyed getting to know you and seeing all the new parishioners who have joined us in recent years. I'd also like to thank Fr. David for his kindness, support and well exercised patience. Thank you to Ann and the kitchen team and all who helped to make a lovely celebration last Sunday. Warmest wishes to you all. Sharon

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration**

**St. John Vianney
Wednesdays 7-8pm**

**No Scripture Study this week
Apologies.**

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
More information: www.catholichistorywalks.com



This month, Pope Leo invites us to pray that all people may have access to good, nourishing food. He asks us to reflect on our own habits, encouraging everyone—from large producers to everyday consumers—to avoid wasting food and to support fair, sustainable choices. As a community, we can honour this intention by being mindful of what we buy, sharing surplus with neighbours or local food banks, and valuing the work of those who grow and prepare our food. This month Pope Leo invites us to join in his prayer intention that “...**everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.**”

Peace Actions for May 2026

- **May is Mary's month so why not try to Pray the Rosary** every day this month for world peace.
- 10th-16th May is **Christian Aid Week**. Consider how you and your family can play a part in eradicating poverty.
 - Join in '**Walk to School Week**' from the 18th May.
- Pray for our younger parishioners preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Pray for those who are sitting exams.



Care for Our Common Home.

This is a great time to sow flowers in gardens and pots. Think particularly of flowers that will attract and protect our bees.

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

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