

## Mass Times 29th April to 6th May

Sat 29th 10am No Mass

Sat 29th 6pm *Richard Dickinson R.I.P.*

Sun 30th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 30th 11am (at Lambourn)

Mon 1st to Thursday 4th inclusive No Mass

Friday 5th 11am Requiem Mass for Kathy Child R.I.P.

(There is no 10am Mass)

Sat 6th 10am *In Thanksgiving*

Sat 6th 6pm *Pro Populo*

**Cold and flu -**

If you feel unwell please test for covid before coming to Mass so that we can protect the vulnerable.

Thank you.

**Welcome and thank you** to Canon Peter who will be celebrating all Masses for us this weekend

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

**Confessions: Saturday 29th April—No Confessions  
Saturdays thereafter: 10:30 to 11am or by appointment.**



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Michael Petterson, Kathy Child, Patricia Senior, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Evelynne Frewer, Fred Armstrong and Mary Rawlinson. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially 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.**

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### Year A 4th Sunday of Easter 30th April 2023



#### Who Wants to be a Sheep!

Who wants to be likened to a sheep! Sheep are seen as silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. When Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', he is not asking us to behave like sheep, rather he is asking us to think of him as our 'Good Shepherd'. As followers, we are not asked to follow blindly, we are asked to discern his voice and his values in a world full of distractions and competing values.

From the moment we get out of bed in the morning there are a million and one demands vying for our attention. We make a list of things we have to do in a day and discover we have more things to do than hours to do them in. Most of the things we have to do are things that we will get into trouble for if we don't do them. We have to go to work or we won't get paid. We have to do the housework or we will be considered dysfunctional. We have to pay the bills or we will receive a court summons. We have to help our children with their homework or we will get disapproving letters home from the headteacher. Finding time to listen for Jesus' voice probably isn't on our 'list-to-do'.

The good news is that we don't have to add Jesus to the list; Jesus is part of the list. The trick is to know, that Jesus' voice is in every little job that we do, and in each one of our day to day activities. We don't need a special time to sit down and listen to what Jesus is telling us. Hearing Jesus' voice is a habit we need to develop on a day to day basis. The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best, the voice that encourages us not to gossip, the voice that encourages us not to ignore the person who needs a lift at home time. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears from the first moment we get out of bed in the morning to last thing at night.

The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May-For Church movements and groups.**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**Right to Life** "Let us pray for all considering abortion, that they would receive support and love from family and friends - and from the Christian community - so that they might continue with their pregnancies in hope. Lord hear us".

**Date for Your Diary** - Wednesday 17th May - Bringing Justice to the Food System. Come along to a talk by Paul Padley on considering how our shopping and eating choices can impact the lives of the world's poorest, and how our choices can help protect the planet. 7:45pm at Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon.



**Prayer Group** - Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th May at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

**Stamps and Candles** - Thank you to Kath Griffiths who has resumed the collection of used stamps for the RNLI.

The Mix (Mill St.) is collecting used bits of candles (or new if you have unwanted ones). There is a collection box at the Mix or you can leave them in the Church porch and we'll take them down.

**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.

**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.

**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 King Charles III as he prepares for his Coronation, and for our country and the Commonwealth.



**The Second Collection this weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund** to support our seminarians, including the ten men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- seven year journey to ordination. Thank you for your donations which can be put either in the basket at the back of Church or paid by BACS using Clergy Training as the reference.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**—Today the Church celebrates the call to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We pray especially for those God is calling to be consecrated or to be ordained.

**Refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass**

**Lambourn—tea/coffee and cake after Mass** in the hall on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the King's coronation, we also hope to show highlights of the coronation on the big screen



**Sunday 7th May Coronation Weekend.**

Pease join us in the hall after 9am Mass

to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

There will be bacon/sausage/breakfast rolls with vegetarian options, Croissants, Danish pastries, tea/coffee and soft drinks.

Also, games and an art competition for the children.

If children would like to decorate a crown, pick up your template this weekend, or surprise Fr. David with your own Coronation artwork.

Please put your first name and age on your artwork.



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

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