

Mass Times 27th April - 4th May 2024

Sat 27th 10am *Suzanne Parrott R.I.P.*

Sat 27th 6pm *Christine Hill's Ints.*

Sun 28th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 28th 11am *Dermot Ffrench R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 29th 10am *Dec'd Members of Moran Family R.I.P.*

Tues 30th 10am *Shaun Dawson's Ints.*

Weds 1st May 10am *Christine Hill's Ints.*

Weds 1st 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 1st Holy Hour 7pm

Thurs 2nd 10am

Fri 3rd 10am *Cruz Oses R.I.P.*

Sat 4th 10am

Sat 4th 6pm *Ruby and Mervyn Hill 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 .

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CDP Wantage St John Vianney

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Year B 5th Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024

Branching Out



There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we can

individually instigate change for lots of reasons. We do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible. The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together.

We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions. Trade unions operate on one powerful principle. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to bring the whole country to a stand-still and sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome the final result.

Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us as an individual striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone, we branch out as a team.

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.

Faith In Politics - On Thursday 2 May 2024, voters across England and Wales will head to the polls in a major set of mayoral and local elections. As Christians we have a calling to try and build God's kingdom here on earth, whether it be by acting differently to our peers, providing for those less fortunate, or random acts of kindness. One expression of this might be to get actively involved in politics. You may hold your own views on whether religion and politics should mix, but if you are of the view that voters should use their Catholic voice, start reading all those leaflets that are currently cramming our letter boxes. If you're planning to vote, remember to take your photo ID.

Bitesize - A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations but look what they can do when they stick together!
Author Unknown

Pentecost Retreat - 7th-18th May. The Carmelite Priory at Boar's Hill are offering an online retreat entitled "Unwrapping the Fruits of the Holy Spirit". More information at www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/pentecost-retreat-2024/

Prayer Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th May at 2pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

Holy Hour of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney Wednesday Evenings 7- 8pm

Don Bosco Boys Camp 2024 - for secondary school age yrs6 to yr11 will be held at St. Cassian's Centre Kintbury from Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August. There will be plenty of sporting activities, outings and games as well as morning prayer, daily Mass and Reconciliation. For more information visit- www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/new/enews or email dbcamps@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.



Please pray for our young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral today.



St. Joseph the Worker - feast day 1st May. "May Day" has long been dedicated to labour and the working man. It is fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honoured on this day. Today we are asked to pray for all who work, that they may earn a just wage and be treated with dignity. We also pray for those who are under-employed or unemployed, and we pray for the stewardship of the earth's resources so that all may benefit for generations to come.

Save The Dates -

12th May Please join us in the hall after 9am Mass, to celebrate Fr. David's 60th Birthday.

19th May Sacred Heart Lambourn parishioners are invited to a belated celebration of Father David's 60th Birthday in the Walwyn Hall after 11am Mass.



Red Box Holders - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during May. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio.



Scripture Study - Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass

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.

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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