

Mass Times 20 - 27th April 2024

Sat 20th 10am *Raymond Traynor R.I.P.*

Sat 20th 6pm *Nelly Haas R.I.P.*

Sun 21st 9am *James, Mary & Jimmy Dorrian R.I.P.*

Sun 21st 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

Mon 22nd 10am *John Hickey R.I.P.*

Tues 23rd 10am *Steve Murphy's Ints.*

Weds 24th 10am *Hughes' Family Ints.*

Weds 24th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 24th Holy Hour 7pm

Thurs 25th 10am

Fri 26th 10am *Norman Green R.I.P.*

Sat 27th 10am

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

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 4th Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024

Counting On The Shepherd



Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage was legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self-sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

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.

Please pray for our young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on Sunday 28th April.



The Mayor's Big Thank You - Sunday 21st April Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

2pm Free refreshments, charity stall and exhibition of artwork by local school-children, on the theme of *Thankfulness*.

4pm Service of thanksgiving at St. Peter and Paul. If you would like to put a message on The Tree of Thanks, pick up a tag at St. Peter and Paul or at the Beacon, or email your message o :pa@wantagetowncouncil.gov.uk

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/

Bitesize - When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.
Author Unknown

Day of Recollection at Littlemore - Saturday 11th May 10am-4pm

John Henry Newman was received into the Church at Littlemore on 9th October 1845. The college has once again become a place of prayer and worship and now houses a substantial collection of Newman related literature on the site of his library. For more information e-mail: littlemore@newman-friends.org

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

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

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.



The Second Collection this weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund to support our seminarians 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, Tap and Pay on card reader, or paid by BACS using Clergy Training as the reference.



St. George Solemnity 23rd April.

When the pagan Emperor Diocletian started persecuting Christians, St George came to their defence. St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine on 23rd April, 303. There is much talk nowadays about the apathy surrounding Saint George's day and about what we should do to celebrate it, but we could do no worse than to emulate St George's commitment to stand up for the persecuted.

Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted Christians around the world. <https://acnuk.org>

Saint Mark the Evangelist - Feast Day 25th April

Martyred in Alexandria in 68AD, he is believed to be the 'John Mark' who joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their missions in the Acts of the Apostles. The Gospel of Saint Mark is probably the first of the Gospels to be written. It is brief and to the point. Saint Mark has one goal, to present Jesus as God's crucified Messiah, and he fulfils that goal concisely. This is the shortest of the gospels. You could sit down and read it in under an hour and a half.

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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