

## Mass Times 5th - 12th April 2025

**Sat 5th 10am** *Lilian and Elmer Talbot R.I.P.*

**Sat 5th 6pm** *Tudor Morgan BEM R.I.P.*

**Sun 6th 9am** *Gina McCarthy R.I.P. (F)*

**Sun 6th 11am** *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

**Mon 7th 10am**

**Tues 8th 10am** *Miss Raab R.I.P. (F)*

**Weds 9th 10am** *Julie and Richard's Ints.*

**Weds 9th 12 Noon** *(Lambourn)*

**Weds 9th 7pm** Station of the Cross and Benediction

**Thurs 10th 10am**

**Fri 11th 10am**

**Sat 12th 10am** *Dec'd Member of Moran Family R.I.P.*

**Sat 12th 6pm** *Richard Dickinson R.I.P.*

### Scripture Study

Tuesdays

7-7:30pm

on Zoom

### Confessions:

Saturdays

10:30—11am

St. John Vianney.

Or

by appointment

### Lent Soup Lunches

Fridays during Lent

12:30pm

in the hall

All are welcome



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## Year C 5th Sunday in Lent 6th April 2025



### The First Stone

It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. You are only as good as your last good deed. But if you do something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it. There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who had the affair." "That's Mr Thingymajig, the one who embezzled the company funds." It's a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of others go.

In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, The Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however is great at not falling into traps. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone," he replies.

When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge?

We are extraordinarily quick to throw the first stone. Our powers of empathy are limited. Perhaps we enjoy moral outrage. Perhaps we enjoy gossiping at someone else's expense. Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.



**In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Michael Vaughan, Theresa Appleyard, Florence Heath, Eugene Lambe, Isabel Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time -**

**Patricia Halifax, Douglas Frewer, Teresa Hicklin, Nora O'Malley, Michael**

**Eyre, Mary Robinson, Patricia Senior, James Lynch, Becky Holt, Edward Moss, Bridget Madden, Richard Wells, Sybill Murphy, Patrick Bergin, Romero Urcelay, Kathleen Roberts, Isolina Durrant, Patricia Baigrie, Judy House, Diana Wasborough, Patricia Wellington, Tania Tompkins, Alphonsus Hill, Mary Johnson, James McCarthy, Stella Gardiner, Maria Coates. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Richard and Pat Taylor, Kevin Maher, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Dot Armstrong, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, 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.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For April:** For the use of the new technologies Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass.**

**Myanmar Earthquake Appeal CAFOD** - Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10

### Stations of the Cross

**St. John Vianney**

**Tuesdays 10:30am**

**and Wednesdays 7pm, followed by Benediction**



**Right to Life** - "Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospitals, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and those nearing the end of their lives. Lord hear us".



**Prayer Group** - next meeting is on Monday 7th April at 2:30pm in St. John Vianney Church Hall. All are welcome.

**Safeguarding Notice** - Children should be accompanied by a parent when using the toilets at Church. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



**Office Hours** - Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm. Thursday and Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

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**First Saturday Devotions 5th April** will begin with The Holy Rosary at 9:30am in St. John Vianney.

For more information on First Saturday Devotions visit [A Short Explanation of the Five First Saturdays | The Fatima Center](#)



**The Sacrament of Confession** **How long since you've been?** - The precepts of the Church say at least once a year for all Catholics. Lent is the ideal time to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation - a wonderful gift and opportunity for spiritual renewal. There will be a Penitential Service at English Martyrs Didcot on Thursday 10th April at 7pm.

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**Holy Thursday 17th April - Washing of the Feet** is a significant part of the liturgy of The Mass of The Lord's Supper, where "God gets down on His knees for us and asks us to do the same for one another". (Fr. Dan Schlegel <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/>)



Fr. David needs 12 volunteers so please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness** - Will begin at Community Church Kingsgrove Primary School at 10:30am, visit Holy Trinity, arrive at St. John Vianney around 11:45am then Methodist Church and finish at St. Peter and St. Paul. Please consider supporting this event as a way to witness to our faith.

### Easter Mass Times

**Holy Thursday 7pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday 12 Noon** The Passion (Lambourn)

**Friday 3pm** The Passion and Veneration of The Cross

**Saturday 8pm** Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday 9am** Easter Sunday

**Sunday 11am** (Lambourn)

### 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 07427181090  
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn  
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**Baptisms and other Sacraments**—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email [wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Other Priests in the area :**

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