

Mass Times 23rd - 30th April

Sat 23rd 6pm *Pamela Bergin's Ints.*

Sun 24th 9am *Gordon, Evelyn & Roger Tomlin R.I.P.*

Sun 24th 11am

Mon 25th No Mass

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

Wed 27th 10am *Shaun Dawson's Ints.*

Wed 27th Midday *Edward Farrelly R.I.P. (F. L)*

Thurs 28th 10am

Fri 29th 10am *Thomas Burns R.I.P. (F.L.)*

Fri 29th Midday *Funeral for Richard Wells.*

Sat 30th 10am

Covid Restrictions

Following the H&S meeting, we continue to recommend the wearing of masks, though it is now a personal choice. We request that if you show any symptoms or have tested positive, you do not attend Mass as this will support our vulnerable parishioners. We will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you for all your patience.

11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.

Find us at www.wantagecatholicparish.org and sacredheartlambourn.org



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Richard Wells, Sybil Murphy, Dame Catherine Wybourne, Carl Oberman, Noel Monahan, Denis Buckley, Aristides Patrinos, Michael Carroll. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially John Gemmell, Pete Gray, Margaret

Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Sr. Veronica O.P., Tom Carney, Gloria Allen 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 :

PRCDTR 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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Looking for Truth



Today's gospel reading has a disturbing element for those of us who harbour doubts over what Jesus asks us to believe. Disturbingly Jesus tells us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Because we are used to beatitudes having a flip side we somehow imagine the unspoken words to be ".... And woe to those

who ask for forensic evidence!" We imagine that it is sacrilegious to express doubt or search for proof and so we keep our doubts to ourselves. Thomas however had no such inhibition.

When the disciples told Thomas that the crucified Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared amongst them in the upper room, Thomas declared that unless he could see the mark of the nails and put his hand into Jesus' side he could not believe. Thomas was a loving and courageous disciple of Jesus. Thomas wasn't someone who would have thrown his faith away or turned his back on Jesus, but nor was he a man who would say he believed something that he didn't or that he understood something that was beyond him. Importantly, Jesus does not scold Thomas for asking for proof; on the contrary, Jesus is quick to give physical confirmation of his resurrection. Perhaps the message here is that if we want to believe, God will show us a way.

Thomas teaches us not to be afraid to express doubt. For Thomas, doubt was not the same as disbelieving. Thomas's doubts proved stepping-stones to faith. Pretending that we believe things we don't, or claiming to understand things that elude us is a shaky foundation for faith. Doubt is not the same thing as disbelief, and faith only eludes us when we give up looking for the truth.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2022

For health care workers - We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

The Dominican Sisters are offering the following online courses:

- **What is baptism and what does it do?**
Tuesday evenings 7.00 - 8.30 pm, from 26th April to the 31st May.
Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8uGNXgjn4vwHAKty_6i4VUINBW
- **Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?**
Thursday evenings 7.00 - 8.30 pm, from 28th April to the 2nd June.
Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8uGNXgjn4vwHAKty_6i4VUINBW
- **Online Workshops for readers with 1:1 practice**
Saturdays 18th and 25th June, from 10am to 1pm.
Find out more details and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk>



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

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is feeding 2,279,941 children every school day. It costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year. Donate at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

Thank You to All

Thank you to all those who made this Easter so special. It was so good to be back in Church again to celebrate the Triduum and Easter Day. It was lovely to see so many people attend the various ceremonies. A huge thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church; the cleaners, the Flower arrangers, the musicians and singers and of course our wonderful Altar Servers. On a personal note, a huge thank you for your kindness to me with so many cards and generous Easter Offerings. Fr.D

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone in need or anyone who would like a visit from members of the society, please email the parish office or phone 07842271596

Divine Mercy Sunday

What does God's mercy actually mean? On this day we are reminded that there is no sin so great that God cannot forgive. We may have put our own weaknesses to the back of our minds, but today is an invitation to put all our troubles before God.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Adoration and Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Hungerford 3pm.

Lepra Appeal— 30th April/1st May - Due to unfolding events in the Ukraine at the beginning of March, we were unable to hold the Lepra Appeal which will now take place next weekend.

"Today more than 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, 50 of these will be children". **Over 7 million people** are currently affected by this life-changing disability, many of these are unable to access treatment for this curable disease and many experiencing severe discrimination and prejudice. "Lepra works to **find, treat and rehabilitate** these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. Our mission is to beat leprosy and with your support we can achieve this soon". Donations can be made in the collection after Mass or at [Donate.lepra.org.uk](https://www.donate.lepra.org.uk) Your generosity will be most appreciated.

Little People - Tess is currently looking after a refugee family who are in need of girls clothes, age 3-4. Also needed, a child's size wardrobe. Small items can be dropped off at Church, please mark your bags "Little People". For larger items, contact Tess through the parish office. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

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**
Baptisms—Firstly, speak to Fr.David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Other Priests in the area :
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