

4th April—11th April



Sat 4th 11.30 am Blessing of Food (Wantage)
 Sat 4th 7pm Easter Vigil *Members of Green & Bergin Families*
 Sun 5th 9am Easter Day Pro Pop
 Sun 5th 11am *Easter Day*
 Mon 6th 10am Sheehan and Gormley Families
 Tues 7th 10am No Mass
 Weds 8th 10am
 Weds 8th 12 Noon No Mass
 Thurs 9th 10am Dec'd Members of the Moran Family
 Fri 10th 10am Anne Cole's Ints
 Sat 11th 10am Gina Mc Carthy RIP
 Sat 11th 6pm Tudor Morgan BEM RIP
 Sun 12th 9am Richard Dickinson RIP
 Sun 12th 11am (Lambourn) Pro Pop



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Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this . Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter, Terry O'Hara, Rebecca O'Hara ,June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Mike and Maria Oliver Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan .



Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now temporarily closed. All correspondence/phone calls and emails should be directed to Fr. David's numbers. Available on the front of the newsletter. Please be

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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Easter Day 5th April 2026



Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia



Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold. As Christians we are reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science.

Our human search for certainty urges us to try and work out who moved the stone, but at this point all we can do is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth.

So how do we find that trust that everything Jesus has told us is true? First of all we have to develop a toolbox of faith, trust, and intuition. Christians are accused of propping up impossible and improvable theories with blind faith. If this were true the accusers would have a point, but true faith runs deeper than this. We all use faith in every walk of life and we all need trust. People of faith are people who can push boundaries and take brave steps into the unknown. People of trust recognise possibilities in others and in themselves. People of intuition recognise integrity and truth. Anais Nin said, "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are." "What you believe sets a course for your future and directs your daily activities. Consequently, when you believe only what you can see, a whole world of possibility is lost."

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.





Not Just Easter Sunday

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

Easter Offering - Our Easter Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our Parish Priest and all the dedication, guidance and care he gives us throughout the year. This collection is a considerable part of the priest's income. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr. David this Easter, please use the collection bags or Dona machine at the back of the Church. With thanks Matt Dickson, Chair of Finance.

Święconka—The Blessing of Easter Baskets.

The blessing of the Easter baskets is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday. It is called Święconk. This special event takes place in many of our parishes across the diocese because of our Polish families who enrich our parish and liturgy. **Easter Saturday 11.30am**

Urbi et Orbi 2026 Easter Sunday BBC 1

The Pope gives his Easter message and blessing, Urbi et Orbi – to the city and to the world. Sunday 5th April at 11am.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for April

This April, we're invited to hold in prayer all priests who find themselves in moments of struggle or uncertainty.



Even the most dedicated church and parish leaders can face times when their vocation feels heavy or unclear. In those times, what they need most is gentle accompaniment — people who listen without judgement and communities that offer patience, warmth, and support. Let's remember that priests have the same pressures and emotions as everyone else. May our kindness help them rediscover strength, hope, and the joy of their calling. We are invited to join Pope Leo's prayer intention, **"That priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."**



This Easter may
Jesus of the Emmaus road
walk with you and be your companion,
Be with you when life mystifies and perplexes.
Be with you in disappointments and unease.
Be with you at table when sharing bread and hope
and in so doing,
open your eyes and heart to recognise
His Presence with you.
(Donal Hilton - adapted)



Welcome to the Church and our Community

Our thoughts, prayers and blessings are with Trevor Willians, Lesley Cave and Hilary Reynolds who have been preparing for full reception in the Church. Trevor will be baptised and with Lesley and Hilary and be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. Congratulations to them.

Care For Our Common Home *Eco Spring Clean*

The sun is peeping through our curtains and illuminating the dust and cobwebs we've spent the winter 'not seeing'. It's time for a spring clean, and all us 'eco warriors' are looking ways for an eco friendly spring clean. One of the simplest ways to make an ecologically-sound difference in your home is to eliminate all the products that are crammed with nasty chemicals. Not only are they damaging the environment, you're breathing them in every time you use them. Try using non-toxic cleaning products instead. Most supermarkets now offer a range of eco-friendly cleaning products for a hygienic house.

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 ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn anne.strickland@mail.com

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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