

Mass Times 22nd - 30th April

Sat 22nd 10am *Joseph Simpson's Ints.*

Sat 22nd 6pm *John Hickey R.I.P.*

Sun 23rd 9am *Ami McClean's Ints.*

Sun 23rd 11am *Eva Mikalevich R.I.P. (at Lambourn)*

Mon 24th to Friday 28th inclusive **No Mass**

Sat 29th 10am **No Mass**

Sat 29th 6pm *Richard Dickinson R.I.P.*

Sun 30th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 30th 11am *(at Lambourn)*

Cold and flu -

If you feel unwell please test for covid before coming to Mass so that we can protect the vulnerable. Thank you.

All Masses at St. John Vianney are on Zoom. Masses at Sacred Heart Lambourn are not available on Zoom.

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Year A 3rd Sunday of Easter 23rd April 2023



Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a

crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures.

Take up the challenge.

Confessions: Saturday 22nd April 10:30 to 11am or by appointment.

Saturday 29th April—No Confessions



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Michael Petterson, Kathy Child, Patricia Senior, Patrick Callaghan, Jim Lynch, Bob Dore, Cath Walwyn, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Gwen Charlton, Julie Garvey, Reginald Butterfield, Doreen Clure, Margaret Conroy, Hilda Corkery, Alfred Down, Arthur Williams, Frank Cooke. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Kathy Child, Dot Armstrong, Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Tom Carney, 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 a culture of peace and non-violence We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass

Uffington Community Garden - visitors are welcome to come and see our productive and sustainable fruit and vegetable gardens. Lovingly created from a derelict patch of ground behind The Fox and Hounds.

The Dominican Sisters at Sway continue to offer a range of online courses. These are free but donations are welcomed. For more information visit <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

Carmelite Priory Boars Hill - situated in beautiful and peaceful countryside, the Priory offers in person directed or private retreats. Ensuite accommodation available. More information at <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/retreats/> Devotions for 1st Fridays and Saturdays <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Devotional-Hour.pdf>

Missio - many thanks to all who support the work of Missio through Red Box donations where every penny, pound and prayer helps missionaries around the world.

Bishop Philip's 6 Holy Habits

1. To keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass
2. To spend 5 minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures
3. To do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy
4. Every fortnight to come and visit the Blessed Sacrament
5. To go to Confession once a month
6. To join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - helping people struggling with the cost of living or with loneliness and isolation. Contact us through the parish office or on this number 07842271596. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.

St. John Vianney Food Bank and SVP - Donations of non-perishable items can be left in the boxes marked "Food Bank" and "SVP" in the Church porch.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2023

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide all those discerning a Vocation to the Sacred Priesthood, and all involved in the selection and formation of our seminarians.



St Mark Feast Day 25th April. The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. St. Mark probably wrote the Gospel in Rome sometime before the year 67 A.D. He wrote the teachings of St. Peter, in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. The biblical basis for Mark's depiction as a lion in iconography, comes from The Book of Revelation chapter 4, verse 7.

Date for your Diary Sunday 7th May

Coronation Weekend.

Pease join us in the hall after 9am Mass for
The Big Breakfast

to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

There will be bacon/sausage/breakfast rolls with vegetarian options,
Croissants, Danish pastries, tea/coffee and soft drinks.

Also, games and an art competition for the children.

If children would like to decorate a crown, pick up your template next weekend,
or surprise Fr. David with your own Coronation artwork.

Please put your first name and age on your artwork.



Office Hours -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. 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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