

## Mass Times 12th - 20th April 2025

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

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

Sun 13th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 13th 11am *Fiona Ffrench's Ints (Lambourn)*

Mon 14th 10am *Dorothy and Peter Smith R.I.P.*

Tues 15th 10am **No Mass (Chrism Mass at the Cathedral)**

Weds 16th 10am *Dec'd Members of Moran Family R.I.P.*

Weds 16th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 17th Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of The Lord's Supper *Gareth Koch*

Fri 18th Good Friday 12 Noon Passion of The Lord *(Lambourn)*

Fri 18th 3pm Passion of The Lord and Veneration of The Cross

Sat 19th 10am **No Mass**

Sat 19th 8pm **Easter Vigil**

Sun 20th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 20th 11am *Elaine Hawkins' Ints. (Lambourn)*



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.**



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### Year C Passion Sunday 13th April 2025

#### What Makes Holy Week Holy?



Here we are again at the beginning of Holy Week, but what is it that makes Holy week holy? As we process into Church on Palm Sunday waving our palms or weaving them into crosses, it's tempting to feel that this is all just a commemoration of the past. But if Holy Week doesn't impact on our lives a little more with each passing year, then it really is just a story

about something that happened a very long time ago.

It's the very first 'Palm Sunday' and the excitement is growing like wildfire. Jesus rides into Jerusalem and his followers throw down palms and robes. Only Jesus seems aware that something is very wrong with this triumphant parade. The followers are misguided. They think that Jesus has come like some great military deliverer to overthrow the authorities. But in truth, Jesus doesn't ride into Jerusalem on a stallion with great might and power, he rides into Jerusalem on a donkey and he comes in peace, humility and servitude. He comes to stand up for what he believes without any hint of compromise or aggression. He comes ready to lay down his life. He comes to show humanity what real love means and he brings the promise of his heavenly kingdom for all those who can realise his teaching.

Those original Palm Sunday crowds had a very poor grasp of what Jesus was about, and so it's no wonder that by the end of Holy Week they had switched to shouts of 'Crucify!' Like those original Palm Sunday crowds, we celebrate Jesus' life, but we celebrate for the right reasons. Hopefully we are not celebrating someone we think can wave a magic wand and make everything right for us. Holy Week brings into sharp focus what Christianity should be about. Each year we endeavour to make Holy Week holy with greater insight and a greater maturity of faith. Each Holy Week we endeavour to become better ambassadors for Christ.

**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



**In Preparation for Easter—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.

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**Congratulations** to Chris Foster who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and to Anosh Eric who will be confirmed. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this very special time.



**Right to Life** - As we recall the welcome of the Lord into Jerusalem and then His Passion and Death, let us pray for that spirit of welcome, allowing us to see the Lord in people who are homeless, those who are disabled, immigrants, and the unborn. Lord hear us.

**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.

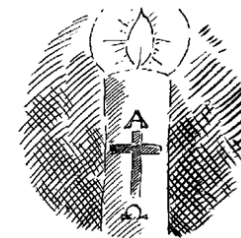
**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)** - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



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**Good Friday Collection for Holy Places** -The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. Donations can be made in the basket in the porch or on the card machine.

**Easter Triduum** - The term triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). The high point of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening and is the Mass where RCIA Catechumens are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.



**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/>)

**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.

**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.

### **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)

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