

## Mass Times 3rd - 10th May 2025

Sat 3rd 10am *Bishop Daniel Kalonga's Ints.*

Sat 3rd 6pm *Ruby & Mervyn Hill R.I.P.*

Sun 4th 9am *Krystyna Burczynska R.I.P.*

Sun 4th 11am *Pro Populo (Lambourn)*

Mon 5th 10am

Tues 6th 10am *Gray Family Ints.*

Weds 7th 10am *Theresa Appleyard R.I.P.*

Weds 7th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 7th 7pm **Holy Hour and Benediction**

Thurs 8th May 10am *Mary O'Connor R.I.P.*

Fri 9th 10am *Shaun Dawson's Ints.*

Sat 10th 10am *Rachel MacKinney's Ints.*

Sat 10th 6pm *Brian Green R.I.P.*

**Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am St. John Vianney. Or by appointment**



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially **Michael Purcell, Michael Vaughan, Theresa Appleyard**, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - **David Coyle, Mattia Merola, Mary Moss, James Ryan, Sophia Mackensie Smith, John Whetter, Theresa**

**Maloney, Evelyn Frewer, Grace Butterfield, Fred Armstrong, Mary Rawlinson, John Rea, Frederick Lunt, Gordon Hemsley, Sheila O'Mahoney, Maurice la Boucharderie, Tom Morgan, Frank Uridge.**

Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially **June Toley, 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 3rd Sunday of Easter 4th May 2025

### Second Chances



After the Resurrection, we might have expected the disciples to rush off in a frenzy of enthusiasm spreading the good news, but no, today we find them back on the lake fishing. When you stop for a minute to imagine what it might have been like to be in Peter's shoes perhaps it isn't all that surprising. Peter had given up everything for Jesus and promised his all. But despite all his promises, Peter had ended up denying Jesus three times. Almost certainly he would have been suffering

from feelings of crippling guilt and insurmountable failure. Is it really any wonder that fishing suddenly seemed a more attractive option than evangelising? But for Jesus, giving up is not an option. Jesus appears at dawn by the lakeside where he asks Peter. "Do you love me?" Three times Jesus asks the same question ... the same number of times that Peter had previously denied him. It's as though Jesus is giving Peter the chance to put right a wrong. This is part of Peter's healing process. This is Peter's big chance to put his hopes and dreams back on track. Then Jesus, who has known all along what is in Peter's heart, gives him a gentle reminder of his commission to shepherd his Church.

There's a heartening message for us too in this story. How many times do we see in the Bible people getting not just second chances but third and fourth chances? We can get things wrong and we can let ourselves down ... but God who knows what is in our hearts, reminds us that he is there to take away the burden of our guilt and of our failures and set before us new horizons and second chances. We are not expected to be perfect; we are only expected to be human.

**As the Cardinals gather to elect a new Pope**, we encourage readers to pray the following prayer from now until the conclave begins on Wednesday 7th May.

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the conclave. Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

**We keep in our prayers** all of our young people who will be taking important exams over the next few weeks.



**Volunteers needed:** Readers at Saturday evening Mass; Special Ministers; Children's Liturgy, Church cleaning, and if you love flowers, maybe you could join the flower rota. If you would like to volunteer to support our parish in these or any other way, please contact the parish office.

**Right to Life** - "Let us pray for all those who care for people with disabilities, including family members and professionals, that the Lord would revive their spirits and that they would get the necessary respite care they require to relieve body and mind. Lord hear us".

**First Holy Communion classes in Lambourn** - Fr. David will shortly be starting a First Holy Communion group in Lambourn so if you have a child who is 7 years or above and would like to enrol them in the group, please see Fr. David after Mass, or contact the parish office.

**Scripture Study**

Tuesdays 7-7:30pm on Zoom

**Holy Hour  
of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration  
St. John Vianney Wednesday Evening 7- 8pm**

**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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**First Saturday Devotions 3rd May** 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 Month of May is traditionally known as "Mary's Month,"** when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Let's rediscover the beauty and power of praying the Rosary.

**Lyford Grange Pilgrimage in honour of St. Edmund Campion - Sunday 11th May.**

In 1581, St. Edmund Campion was captured after celebrating Mass at Lyford Grange. He was taken to London to be tried and subsequently martyred at Tyburn. Every year the Knights of St. Columba organise a pilgrimage visiting all the Churches of particular relevance beginning at Stonor Park on 4th May and finishing at Tyburn Convent on 20th July. This year Mass at Lyford will begin at 4pm at Tithe Barn Lyford Grange (OX12 0EQ)

**Children's Liturgy** - for children aged 4-8 yrs. Our catechists prepare a simplified Liturgy of The Word for children aged 4 to 8. Older children and those preparing for First Holy Communion should remain in Church to take part in the Mass. Parents with younger children are welcome to attend with their children. For safeguarding purposes, parents of children attending Children's Liturgy are asked to complete and return a registration form.

**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.

**Office Hours**—Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm. Thursday and Friday 11 am 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

**Other Priests in the area :**

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