

Mass Times 21st - 28th February 2026

Sat 7th 10am Hughes, Prydderch, Prismall, Burke, Davies, Elsom, Sarsfield and Douglas families .

Sat 7th 6pm *Adam Koch's ints*

Sun 8th 9am Roy Kemp RIP

Sun 8th 11am *Pro Pop*

Mon 9th 10am Canon Peter's ints

Tues 10th 10am Michael Eyre RIP

Weds 11th 10am

Weds 11th 12 Noon Theo Pagliaroli's intentions (*Lambourn*)

Weds 11th 7pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Thurs 12th 10am *Anne Morgan RIP*

Fri 13th 10am

Sat 14th 10am Murial and Anthony Moran RIP

Sat 14th 6pm



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Year A 3rd Sunday in Lent 8th March 2026



Breaking Down Barriers.

"Are you hiding anything?" It's an uncomfortable question that probably invites a heated denial from most of us; yet most of us are probably hiding something. We might be trying to shrug off a nagging guilt or an unforgiving sin. We might be trying to forget an episode in our lives where we behaved unwisely. We might be trying to cover up the agony of a failed relationship or putting a brave face on a lifetime of loneliness and rejection. How many of us are covering up weaknesses and flaws in our character? Most of us are trying to hide something, yet we would all acknowledge that burying something isn't the best way to find healing or improvement.

The woman at the well in today's gospel was struggling through life with a great deal of baggage. Firstly she was a woman with a lesser role in society, not only that, but a woman without a husband and to add insult to injury, a woman with a bad reputation. Secondly the woman was a Samaritan, a foreigner, and as such, regarded by most as a person to be avoided altogether. Jesus puzzles the woman. He is a man and he is a Jew, in other words, the very last person she would have expected to strike up a conversation. Life had taught the woman to expect something very different. Life had taught her to expect contempt and rejection. Is this why we keep our own failings under wraps? Do we, like the Samaritan woman expect our friends family and work mates to be unforgiving and uncompromising if they knew the real us? PTO.....

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Roy Kemp, 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,

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 patient with us.

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God's love is like a sprinkler system spreading Christ's unconditional life giving water without prejudice or judgement. Lent is the time to unravel all our hidden pain and set it before God. Lent is the time to take a leaf out of Jesus' book, to see the pain in the lives of others and break down the barriers that society has built.

International Women's Day Sunday 8th March 2026

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. International Women's Day invites us to pause and give thanks for the women who shape our church, families, and community every day. From quiet acts of care to courageous leadership, their gifts enrich our shared life. As we mark this day, we celebrate the strength, wisdom, and faith of women everywhere, and recommit ourselves to building a community where every voice is heard, every person valued, and everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

UK Day of Reflection for Lives Lost in Covid Sunday 8 March 2026 3pm Market Square Wantage

As we mark the UK Day of Reflection, we pause to remember those whose lives were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the many families whose lives were changed forever. We give thanks for the compassion shown in difficult days — for carers, neighbours, key workers, and all who quietly supported others. This day invites us not only to remember but also to hold one another in prayer, especially those who continue to grieve. May we honour the memories of those we lost by cherishing the gift of community, showing kindness where we can, and walking gently alongside those who still carry sorrow in their hearts.

Join us for refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass on Sundays.



Lent devotions

Stations of the Cross Wednesday evenings at 7pm followed by Benediction.

Stations of the Cross Friday after 10am Mass.

Scripture study Tuesday evenings during Lent 7pm.

Why not join us?

Invitation To Volunteer Catechists – as our parish continues to grow, our Pastoral Area Formation Team are seeking to recruit more volunteers to serve as catechists. In particular, we need more volunteers to work with our Children's Liturgy group. Catechists support learners in exploring scripture, the sacraments, prayer and Christian living. If you would like to know more, please just add your name to the list on the notice board and Gabriella will contact you.

Choir News! The practice on 15th March will be after 9am Mass at 10am. If you want to sing in the Easter Services you are welcome - so just come along!

Care For Our Common Home

More Ideas for a Carbon Fast.

Plan a meal with food that has not had to travel by plane.

Enjoy sustainably harvested fish. Consider how you can make this a part of each Friday this Lent

Share a vegetarian recipe with a friend

Are you good with Websites? Could you give some time to the Parish as we work with the Area in our new Digital Strategy. Speak to Fr. David

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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