

Mass Times 19th - 26th April 2025

Sat 19th 10am No Mass

Sat 19th 8pm Easter Vigil *Pro Populo*

Sun 20th Easter Sunday 9am *Pro Populo*

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

Mon 21st 10am *Dec'd Members of Lazarus Family R.I.P.*

Tues 22nd 10am No Mass

Weds 23rd 10am *John Hickey R.I.P.*

Weds 23rd 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Thurs 24th 10am *Julie's Mother R.I.P.*

Fri 25th 10am No Mass

Fri 25th 11:30am **Funeral Michael Purcell R.I.P.**

Sat 26th 10am *Agnes Mambo's Ints. In Thanksgiving*

Sat 26th 6pm *Norman 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 - **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 Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

A Stronger Hope



Belief in the Resurrection is central and imperative to our faith, and because it is central and imperative it really ought to be rock solid. For many, this truth is distinctly uncomfortable. The account of Jesus' Resurrection is lacking in detail, and it can leave us with more questions than answers. For many, belief is far from rock solid. A rock solid belief that Jesus died and rose again to give us a clean slate would

surely mean us living our lives very differently, but more often than not, this is not the case.

Traditionally at this time of year thousands of Christians are baptised all over the world. One such candidate was asked whether he felt any different now that he was baptised. The candidate replied, "Yes, I went from believing nothing, to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope that God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey."

The Resurrection is a little like this. In all honesty, the story of the Empty Tomb doesn't have us leaping up and down in the church pews. In truth, the Resurrection doesn't make everything great. We still have fear and doubt and pain, but whereas before we had nothing, now we have Hope. For some of us it might be a vague kind of hope, but we trust that God will make it a stronger hope as we continue our journey of faith and understanding.

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.

No refreshments after Mass on Easter Sunday—we will resume on 27th April

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 or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10

Not Just Easter Sunday

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, ending with the Feast of Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') which marks the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Traditionally it was called 'Whitsunday' because the colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

The Easter collection is a contribution to the upkeep of the Parish Priest whose annual stipend relies significantly on Christmas and Easter offerings. Please give as generously as you can. Many Thanks

Right to Life - As we reflect on the Resurrection and God's victory over death, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit, all those who are in hospice care and all those who are terminally ill. 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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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.



Holy Saturday - This is the night when Jesus passes from death to life. This is the night when we celebrate light, salvation, and renewal of baptismal promises. On this night we are challenged to bring light to a world still darkened by disbelief.

Rising with Christ - not a far-off event that we ignore until Death comes calling. It is a reality that requires a total renovation of our current life and demands action in the present. In the words of St. John Henry Newman " If you are at present really deficient in praying, and other divine exercises, make a new beginning henceforth. Give freely of your time to your Lord and Saviour.... Set aside every day, times for seeking Him."



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)



Office Hours—Good Friday Closed. 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

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

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