

Mass Times 16th - 23rd April

Sat Easter Vigil 16th 8pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 17th 9am *Sharon Dawson's Ints.*

Sun 17th 11am *Mervyn Shipsey R.I.P. (L)*

Mon 18th 10am *Dec'd members of Moran Family*

Tues 19th No Mass

Wed 20th No Mass

Wed 20th Noon No Mass

Thurs 21st No Mass

Fri 22nd 10am *John Hickey R.I.P.*

Sat 23rd 10am *John Connolly's Ints.*

Covid Restrictions

Following the H&S meeting, we continue to recommend the wearing of masks, though it is now a personal choice. We request that if you show any symptoms or have tested positive, you do not attend Mass as this will support our vulnerable parishioners. We will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you for all your patience.



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Year C Easter Sunday 17th April 2022

What if We Had Reached the Tomb Earlier?



Do you ever wonder how different things would have been if we had reached the tomb a little earlier? What if we had reached the tomb in time to witness the detail of what happened next? Would witnessing what happened next have changed the way we live? We are told that the empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ. So given that the resurrection is essential to our faith, is it a little disappointing that this bit of the Bible does not give us more detail? Are we left feeling as confused as the original disciples? We are not at of course required to solve the unwritten details of something that happened over two thousand years ago. In our human search for certainty all we can do at his point is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth. Scientists teach us that something has to be proven repeatedly before we can call it a truth, but as Christians, we know that truth abounds all around us whether anyone has proved it or not. Truth does not wait to be proven.

11am Mass on Sundays and 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays are at Sacred Heart Lambourn and are not available on Zoom.

Find us at
www.wantagecatholicparish.org and sacredheartlambourn.org



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Richard Wells, Sybil Murphy, Dame Catherine Wybourne, Carl Oberman, Noel Monahan, Denis Buckley, Aristides Patrinos, Michael Carroll. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Pete Gray, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, Sr. Veronica O.P., Tom Carney, Gloria Allen 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 :

PRCDTR 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 2022

For health care workers - We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Urbi et Orbi - BBC ONE Sunday 17th April 2022 11.00-11.25am

Pope Francis gives his Easter Sunday Message and Blessing, Urbi et Orbi, to the City and to the World. Fergal Keane presents.

Not Just Easter Sunday

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

Little People - Tess is currently looking after a refugee family who are in need of girls clothes, age 3-4. Also needed, a child's size wardrobe. Small items can be dropped off at Church, please mark your bags "Little People". For larger items, contact Tess through the parish office. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Viva Voce - Pick up your copy of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter at the back of Church this weekend. It has articles about our parishes and schools as well as reports on the Synod, the Diocesan Strategy and the work of Caritas.

Holy Places Collection (Good Friday)

Support Christians in the Holy Land

100% of donations taken up by the Good Friday Collection support Christians in the Holy Land. The continued existence of programs that support Christians in the Holy Land depends on the faithful financial support received from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your donation helps maintain the holiest of shrines and provides charitable activities for the poorest of people in that area. Holy Land Franciscans also provide education to children, run parishes and provide liturgical, ecumenical and communications programs. It is because of you that a Christian presence exists in the Holy Land.

Online donations can be made at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-collection>

Welcome to the Church

Our thoughts and prayers are with Amy McClean who has been preparing for full reception in the Church and will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass.



The Easter collection is a contribution to the upkeep of the Parish Priest. Fr. David's annual stipend relies significantly on Christmas and Easter collections. Please give as generously as you can and if you can Gift Aid, all the better. Many Thanks

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)



CAFOD Spring Raffle

The CAFOD Spring Raffle is up and running online. The top prize is £7,000 . The raffle closes on 6 May and the draw will take place on 20 May. Don't forget to play online at www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle. Every raffle ticket you buy will help CAFOD work with developing communities across the world, providing support such as the resources and training to start a business, access to healthcare and much more.

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**

Baptisms—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

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Fr Zbigniew at Wash Common Tel: 01635 40332

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