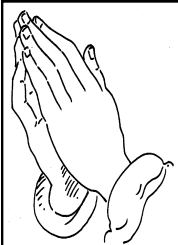


I am available for any parishioner who needs me. My mobile number is 07554427063. Please feel free to contact me to have a chat or to have prayers or a mass said for someone.

March 28th-3rd April

Sat: 27th Shaun Dawson Ints  
Sat: 27th Baby Pandora and Family Ints  
Sun: 28th Anthony and Muriel Moran RIP  
Sun: 28th Angela O'Brien RIP  
Mon: 29th Cedric Andrews RIP  
Tue: 30th Granville Davis RIP  
Wed: 31st  
Thur: 1st Maundy Thursday  
Fri: 2nd Good Friday  
Sat: 3rd Easter Saturday Vigil

**Stations of the Cross on Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom**



In your prayers, please remember all who have recently died especially Lady Violet. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Pete Gray, Sybil Murphy, Margaret Joyce, Peter Shaw, Wendy Purslow, Sue Maher, and all those suffering during this pandemic. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list.

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 Wantage**  
**Good Friday 12noon Passion and Veneration Lambourn**  
**Good Friday 3pm Passion, Veneration and Holy Communion.**  
**Easter Saturday Vigil 7.30 pm. Candle lighting ceremony at 6.30 on Zoom.**  
**Easter Day Mass 9am Wantage and 11am Lambourn**  
Please remember that numbers are seriously restricted and booking to attend is essential. There will be public mass every day from Easter Monday to Friday.

#### **Collections Thank You**

If you would like to continue supporting the Church through the period of close-down your weekly/ monthly offering can be made online using this name and account number: **PRCDT Wantage St John Vianney Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01720016 Account Name: PRCDTR Wantage St. John Vianney.** Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn. If you are making a donation for Easter Offering you can use the above account.

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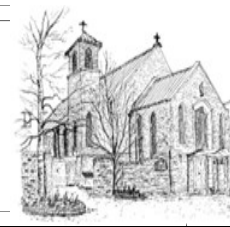
**Public Mass**  
**Sat Eve 6pm Wantage**  
**Sunday 9am Wantage**  
**Sunday 11am Lambourn**

**Tue 10am**  
**Fri 10am**  
**Booking essential**

**Weekdays 10am on Zoom**



**St John Vianney Wantage**  
**Sacred Heart Lambourn**



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#### **2021 Palm Sunday in Lent Year B**

##### **We Are The Reason**



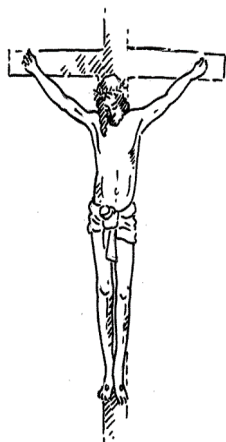
What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday? Perhaps we are wondering how those very clever people weave their palm into a cross. Or perhaps we imagine we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations. How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he certainly wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself.

We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. That's a powerful thought. Knowing that we are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem, then we must honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

## Chrism Mass from the Cathedral.

**Bishop Philip** invites you to join him online for the Chrism Mass! It will take place in the Cathedral on **Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 11 am**. The Chrism Mass is one of the main diocesan events of the year. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. During it, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service. It is always a wonderful manifestation of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth and an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic faith

**GOOD FRIDAY** There is a collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday. The Bishops have asked us particularly to draw this to your attention this year. Money given supports such places as the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. You can give in Church or go online to the diocesan website. Thank You.



### Triduum Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil ...

The Easter triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the Church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening.

#### Holy Thursday "Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper."

The Easter Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday evening, when Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift he would make of himself on the cross. His command to serve others is dramatically recalled this night in the ceremony of the washing of the feet, which he performed in the supper room for his disciples. Sadly we cannot celebrate the washing of the feet this year.

**The Good Friday** rites centre around the reading of the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity that story is retold, followed by prayers for the entire world, for this powerful mystery brings blessings to the world. On this day we are invited to venerate the cross. It is a day of fasting and quiet mourning.

### Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. The vigil opens with a service of light. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle is a sign that Christ is "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness that humanity has ever longed for.

### Easter Flowers

Would you like to donate some flowers for the Easter celebrations? You can leave them in the presbytery porch and I will put them in the church for Easter. Many thanks.



## Travels with my bro....

As we saunter along on our journey into the centre of Spain in the footsteps of Don Quixote I thought it would be good to celebrate the beginning of this epic journey. I have added the very first entry in the "Fat man" journey. Little did I think I'd have travelled so far since. The upside is that I have enjoyed the exercise, lost a kilo, and more importantly all of the delicious food and wine I've sampled

along the route. Thank you so much to those who got into the spirit and delivered various treats along the way. I can't thank you enough. Br.M and I will be celebrating Easter Day in Toledo. I am looking forward to visiting the great Cathedral which was built in the Gothic style between 1226 and 1493 on the site of a Visigothic church erected during the reign of King Reccared. The sacristy contains a valuable collection of paintings by El Greco, Luca Giordano, Van Dyck and Goya. You might catch a glimpse of me seated in the choir stalls made in the Renaissance style.

### News from the Presbytery

*Great News! My rowing machine has not been put together. The missing parts arrived on Tuesday. I've decided to begin by virtually rowing the Thames following a route I found on the web. It's about 230 miles / 370 km. long. I'll be at Lechlade by tonight. St John's Lock is the furthest upstream lock on the Thames with its famous statue of 'Father Thames.' Not so much 'Three Men in a Boat' but 'Fat man on a Rower' Thank you also to the parishioner who delivered a garden fork following my plea. I have begun to plant the contents of my pots. I'll have to stay in Wantage now! My saxophone (a Tenor for those in he know) learning is progressing. I can now busk Yesterday and Summertime They sound great to me but I must ask the neighbours! My daily schedule is definitely helping. The monastic day is passing well and I find it really helpful to follow it strictly. The Zoom daily mass is going well too. I think I have learned more technology in the past two weeks than the previous two years. One thing I've learned during this time is I still hate ironing. Luckily vestments cover a multitude. Keep well, Keep safe and God bless. FrD*

The gardening continues and I look forward to spring. I will of course be scrounging plants from everyone again this year so if you are planting out remember me. The Saxophone continues too, albeit I'm not making as much progress as I did in the beginning. Zom has continued to be a God-send and I thank all those who have joined in all the various events. Sadly I still hate ironing! God Bless and Happy Easter to all. FrD