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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Year C

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Place</i> | <i>Feast of the Day</i> | <i>Mass Intention</i> |
|---|--|--------------|--|-----------------------|
| Sat Aug 13 | 6:00 pm | St F | MASS | |
| Sun Aug 14 | 9:00 am | OLOL | | |
| | 11:00 am | St F | | J P De Souza RIP |
| Mon Aug 15 | | | | |
| Tues Aug 16 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm | St F | Adoration & Reconciliation | |
| Wed Aug 17 | 9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30 | OLOL | Adoration & Reconciliation MASS | |
| Thurs Aug 18 | 9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30 | St F | MASS Adoration & Reconciliation | |
| Fri Aug 19 | | | | |
| TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME -YEAR C | | | | |
| Sat Aug 20 | 6:00 pm | St F | MASS | Zilia D'Mello RIP |
| Sun Aug 21 | 9:00 am | OLOL | | Thomas O' Grady RIP |
| | 11:00 am | St F | | Jenny Higgins RIP |

Please help us to continue God's work by supporting us financially

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 Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name/?

The Popes Intention August 2022
Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities

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<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL NOT BE MANNED FROM 17TH AUGUST - 30 AUGUST FOR URGENT ENQUIRIES PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE PARISH VOICEMAIL OR SEND AND EMAIL. THANK YOU

Luke 12:49-53

The words of Jesus in the gospel can sometimes be quite shocking. How is it possible to believe that Jesus has come to bring not peace, but conflict? The prophet Jesus uses blunt and challenging language. His words convey a profound truth, for the consequence of his preaching will be division, even within families. His uncompromising preaching about God and human life produces opposition and division, which both Jesus and his followers have to face.

Fire is nevertheless a disturbing image. It is used in the Jewish Scriptures to symbolise punishment and destruction. Jesus is using the strong language common among his contemporaries to speak of the judgement of God in stark terms. He speaks also of his coming baptism. In Christian baptism we undergo a kind of dying in order to reach new life. Baptism for Jesus is the baptism of the cross, his death leading to resurrection. Jesus is anxious to continue his journey to Jerusalem and to complete his mission.

Jesus explicitly says he has not come to bring peace. These words speak of the inevitable consequence of his message. Divisions are foreseen, and divisions and conflicts have been a constant reality because the Christian gospel makes great demands. The challenge is to continue to speak the truth with love in spite of opposition. Fr Adrian Graffy

First Holy Communion

We are now taking registrations for our next group of children. The course will start in September 2022. The usual age for receiving the Sacrament for the first time is eight years of age or above (children in Year 3 or above). If you would like to register your child, please contact the Parish Office by September 16th 2022

Would you like to become an Altar Server

It's that time of year again when we welcome a new group of Altar Servers to the team. If you've made your First Holy Communion, whether recently or not, then I would like to invite you to become a Server. If you are interested, please contact Andrew by emailing andrewpolland@gmail.com. We intend to get the new starters onboard in September

SAFEGUARDING: Should you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the parish safeguarding team (Jemma Polland and Mike Pyne): safeguarding@stfrancisdesales.org.uk
Virtual Landline Number: 03301334514
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for Geoffrey Keegan, Lucy Tyler, Courtney Andrews, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, Bronek (father of Anna Brooks), Christopher & Robert Brown, Tim Burke-Gaffney, Lucy Curtis, Mary Dykes, Chris Dykes Emma, Joe Emery, Sam Hearn, June & Jo Howard, Evelyn Lavers, Noreen McCann, Shomila Malik, Joseph Marletta, Marie O'Sullivan, Daryl Pike, Mary Russell, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner, Arthur Mitchell, Peter, Cecelia Smith, Malcolm Higgins, Rod Padue, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph Mike Hughes who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes

Confirmation 2023

We shall very soon be starting our course of preparation for young people who wish to be confirmed next Summer. The course is for those in Year 9 or above from September 2022. We regret that we cannot take anyone in Year 8 or below. An introductory meeting will be held using zoom on 18th July, so all young people (or their parents) who wish to join us should contact Lucy Gallagher asap. Email (preferred) lucygallagher214@btinternet.com
Tel : 0118 962 4995 - please leave a message.
The young people will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in Portsmouth in May/June 2023 (exact date tbc).

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

PIANO RECITAL BY CHRISTOPHER BURROWS

Wednesday 14th September, 7 p.m.
St Joseph's Catholic Church, Newbury
Programme to include works by Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart and Haydn.