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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Feb 18	6:00pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	
Sun Feb 19	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Feb 20				
Tues Feb 21	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	<b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation Mass</b>	
Wed Feb 22	10:00 am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b>  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	Tony & Jose O' Sullivan RIP
	10:30 am			
	12:00	StF		
	12:00 pm			
	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	StF		
Thurs Feb 23	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	<b>Mass</b>  <b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b>	
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Fri Feb 24	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm		<b>Mass</b>  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
	7:30 pm - 8:00 pm			

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT -YEAR A**

Sat Feb 25	6:00pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	
Sun Feb 26	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

**The Popes Intention February 2023  
For parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**Boiler Fund**

An enormous thank you to everyone who has donated towards funding the replacement of our boilers. As at the 17 Feb £17,454.17 has been raised. A special thanks to OLOL who raised £514.17 last Sunday

The next meeting of Fr. Peter's Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday 1st March at 7.00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be no meeting next Wednesday as it is Ash Wednesday

Please help us to continue God's work by supporting us financially Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993  
CDP Newbury St Francis de Sales  
Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name/?

## Matthew 5:38-48

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus has stated his intention to bring the Law and the Prophets to fulfilment. Jesus challenges and deepens the Jewish law. He repeats: 'You have heard it said, but I say this to you!' In today's gospel we hear how Jesus presents two further tenets of the law. The instruction 'eye for eye, tooth for tooth' was a way of ensuring that retribution, repaying evil for evil, did not get out of control. Punishment should always be proportionate to the crime committed. Jesus, however, instructs his disciples not to pay back evil for evil. This is a difficult teaching for people of today, and indeed of any time, for it urges us to endure without retaliating when evil is done to us. The climax of this part of the Sermon on the Mount, the last of the series of 'antitheses' in which Jesus contrasts traditional teaching with his new way, involves the love of enemies. For traditional Jewish understanding hatred of enemies was allowed. But Jesus presents the love of enemies as basic to Christian life. Once again a stern challenge is thrown down to our natural inclinations and actions. It is not surprising that Jesus goes on to say: 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect!' To live the Christian life is to make God's compassion and love the measure of our actions. Jesus himself will live out these teachings. He will forgive those who crucify him. Fr Adrian Graffy

**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, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner, Arthur Mitchell, Malcolm Higgins, Rod Radue, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph, Gillian Spencer, who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes**

We would like to invite all our First Holy Communion and primary aged Children to a creative Lent Preparation Day full of crafts and lots of fun activities.

The session shall start after church on Sunday 26th February at 12.30 and shall finish with prayers in the church at 3pm.

The cost is £2.50 per child/ £5 per family  
Please bring a packed lunch and a named bag to bring all your creations home with you.

To book your place please email

[ellenmclinch@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmclinch@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the fundraising last weekend for the Syria/Turkey Earthquake appeal. This raised £585.50. An additional £500 was sent from Justice & Peace group funds, which makes a grand total of £1085.50 towards the relief effort.

**STOP PRESS - J&P CAKE STALL on 19**

**March** (Mothering Sunday) will also go towards the earthquake appeal so please come and support that event. We welcome contributions of cakes, jams, biscuits etc. If you can help, email [stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com)

Parish Administrator: Yvonne Eaton

The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm

PPC Meetings 2023

March 21, June 6, Sept 12, Nov 14

**SAFEGUARDING:** Should you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the parish safeguarding team (Jemma Pollard and Mike Pyne): [safeguarding@stfrancisdesales.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stfrancisdesales.org.uk)  
Virtual Landline Number: 03301334514

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk The West Berkshire Confirmation Group will be participating in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk as part of their confirmation programme. We are aiming to all walk 5km a day every day in Lent to raise money for those in other parts of the world who are less well off than we. Please support the young people in our Pastoral Area who are joining in this venture. You can donate on our webpage, which we will keep updated with our progress: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/west-berks-confirmation-grouptholic> Diocese of Portsmouth

**Youth Club Curry and Justice and Peace Evening**  
24th February 6-8pm at St Francis. Everyone who has done First Holy Communion up to 18 years of age welcome. Email [ellenmclinch@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmclinch@gmail.com) for details.

**Lent Stations of the Cross**

Continuing our Parish tradition, each Friday evening during Lent there will be Mass at 7.00 followed by parishioner led Stations of the Cross at 7.30. During the celebration of these Stations the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Groups or individuals are invited to lead the Stations and to sign the list in the porch.