

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

TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat June 24	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun June 25	9:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon June 26				
Tues June 27	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	NO MASS	
Wed June 28	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	NO MASS St Irenaeus Bishop	
Thurs June 29	9:30 am	St F	Mass	
	11:00 am	OLOL	Ss PETER & PAUL, Apostles	
	7:00 pm	St F		
Fri June 30				

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A

Sat July 1	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun July 2	9:00 am	OLOL		Olive Cunane RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish

If you are attending mass in person on Sundays at 11:00 am, please be aware that you may appear on camera if you enter the main part of the church. Should you wish to avoid appearing on the livestream, please sit and stay within the transept which does not appear on any of the cameras.

Local family looking for a family house 3 bed with garden from beginning of August to rent. Please contact Sarahmartinez7@yahoo.com

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

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/?

The Popes Intention June
 For the abolition of torture
 We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Matthew 10:26-33

Some first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis-à-vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as suffered by Jesus and his followers. Jesus himself experienced fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples, not once but three times, not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najif: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God would remain, in contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. If they acknowledge Jesus, he will in turn "acknowledge" them before God. They can expect rejection and humiliation. This is not to deter them from their mission. They are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all of God's creatures, including the sparrows, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, even the hairs on their heads are numbered by God. Trust in God is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire as opposed to the empire of Rome. Trust in God does not take away the pain

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, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph, Gillian Spencer, Reg and Sheila Clements, Jim Polland, Chrissy Hearn, Krzysz Zablocki & Sandy Hebden** who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

Closer to Christ Campaign

Thank you so much for your generosity! I'm delighted to tell you that based on the cards filled out by parishioners at Mass last weekend, our parish stands to receive an additional £30,000!

To allow us to draw a line under the campaign we need to make sure that all pledges have been recorded properly. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will have received a pledge form for completion in the post or via email this week. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the presbytery, to me after Mass or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts and all gifts will bring us closer to our shared goal.

I know there are some families out there who are still considering their pledge and I would be delighted to receive your support so that we can reach our goal of £80,000. Please do fill in a pledge form and return this to me as soon as possible.

We hope to receive the majority of pledges within the next two weeks so that we can see exactly how much has been raised. I will give you a further update in a few weeks' time.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish.

Booking for Parish Hall. Please email Maureen Hudd at Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com Please use email as this ensures clarity of request

Parish Celebration- Family Mass Sunday 25th June 11am It has been a tradition at SFDS church that the previous year's FHC families prepare refreshments for the party to be held in the church hall after the Family Mass. All contributions will be most welcome and can be left in the hall prior to Mass starting. This year's FHC children will wear their FHC outfits for this Parish Celebration

BINGO NIGHT FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 7:00PM
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH HALL RG14 1JP
FOR SYNGAP1 RESEARCH UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
TICKETS ADULT £18.00 CHILDREN £12.00
CONTACT Jeremy WG Smith
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Our Journey in Faith – RCIA

This autumn our Pastoral Area will have its next course for those adults wishing to discover more about the Christian faith and what we believe and practise in the Catholic Church. In our meetings we reflect on Scripture, share questions about faith and explore the Sacramental encounter with our living Lord through the Church's teachings in our lives. For some the programme is a space to simply learn more about the Church, its teachings and the Sacraments. For others it serves as a preparation to be received into the Catholic Church and for some Catholics, a means of completing their sacramental journey

For more information please contact the Parish Office washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Or Francis at fjcon@btinternet.com

Calling All Parishioners! Your Youth Group Needs You! The Youth of all ages are the future of our parish, but they're also present members of our church. Those of us that have been able to meet learned the challenges facing the Youth Group. The message was simple. We need more hands doing tasks to make the sessions happen. There are some fantastic ideas for how we can better engage the Youth members; day trips, BBQs, parties, sessions at the Waterside Centre in Newbury, visits to St Cassians, supporting mission work in the UK and abroad, fundraising, and many more... But we all need to get involved in some way as part of a team. Examples include helping to organise a trip, arranging food and drinks for a session, coordinate DBS checks or risk assessments for sessions and trips, helping publicise events, sourcing materials or planning some games... We need a core group of at least 10 of us to share the organisation, and a larger group of Helpers to make the sessions happen. Please can you let us know if you can support us. Contact ellenmclinch@gmail.com for more details.

Sunday 9 July - Musical Garden Party at St Francis de Sales, 12.30-3.30pm. Fabulous musical entertainment. Games, tombola, bar. PLEASE BRING A PICNIC (no BBQ this year). Ticket price includes a pudding. £5 ticket (under-11s free). All proceeds to parish charities. Email stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com for tickets and more info. SEE YOU THERE!

SAFEGUARDING: Should you have any concerns about a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the parish safeguarding team (Jemma Polland and Mike Pyne). ☐

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