

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

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat July 8	6:00pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	Becky Boyle RIP
Sun July 9	9:00 am	OLOL		Clare Webber & Family
	11:00 am	St F		Fr Bernard Medd RIP
Mon July 10				
Tues July 11	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	<b>NO MASS</b>  <b>ST BENEDICT, Founder</b>	
Wed July 12	9:30 am -	OLOL	<b>NO MASS</b>	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Thurs July 13	9:30 am -	St F	<b>NO MASS</b>	
	10:00 am	OLOL		
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Fri July 14				

**FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A**

Sat July 15	6:00pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	
Sun July 16	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

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. Our Privacy Policy can be found on the Church Website and Porch of the Church.

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

**The Popes Intention July**  
**For a Eucharistic life**  
 We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters

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 11:25-30

Our reading today is exclusively made up of the words of Jesus. The initial two verses are addressed to the Father, while in the remainder of the reading Jesus addresses his listeners. Both parts of the reading contain words of great beauty and great intimacy.

Jesus begins by praising the Father for allowing 'these things' to be known by those who, like children expectant of good things from loving parents, open their hearts and minds. In the previous passage in Matthew's gospel Jesus had condemned the refusal to repent of the lakeside towns. Despite the evidence of the mighty deeds and powerful preaching of Jesus their response was lukewarm.

Jesus rejoices in those whose hearts are open to receive and to learn. His next statement makes clear that he is the way to the Father. It is through knowing him that we come to know the Father. It is the Son alone who fully knows the Father and it is through the Son that those who are ready to receive and learn come to know the reality of God. These words may well remind us of some of the statements in John's gospel. 'It is the only Son, who is nearest the Father's heart, who has made God known.' (John 1:18)

No-one can really listen to the final words of Jesus without being moved at the compassion of God. As the reading from the prophet Zechariah illustrates, the Messiah comes not to dominate and control but humbly to offer new life and strength.

**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, Krzyszb Zablocki & Sandy Hebden who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.**

Booking for Parish Hall. Please email Maureen Hudd at [Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com](mailto:Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com) Please use email as this ensures clarity of request

## First Holy Communion 2024

We are now starting the early preparations for next year's First Holy Communion Programme and would like to welcome registrations for the course. The course will start in September 2023 with the usual age for receiving the Sacrament for the first time being eight years of age or above (children in Year 3 or above).

If you would like your child to be included, please register your interest at the following link:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/J55F56SM2A>

Or alternatively email [fhc3.newbf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:fhc3.newbf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with your Name and your child's name.

We will then contact you directly with more information nearer the time

## 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 an Altar Server. If you are interested, please contact Andrew by emailing [andrewpolland@gmail.com](mailto:andrewpolland@gmail.com). We intend to get the new starters onboard in September

## Our Journey in Faith - RCIA 2023/24

The first meeting for this new course will be on Thursday 7th September at 7.30 at St. Francis de Sales and it is proposed to meet fortnightly from the 14th September. The course is 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. Catholics and those from other faiths will be equally welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office [washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Or Francis at [fjcon@btinternet.com](mailto:fjcon@btinternet.com)