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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Nov 18	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Mary & Joseph Carroll RIP
Sun Nov 19	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Annabel Avison RIP
Mon Nov 20				
Tues Nov 21	6:00 pm -	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Frank Power RIP
	7:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
	7:30 pm			
Wed Nov 22	9:30 am -	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30			
Thurs Nov 23	9:30 am -	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	Ryhys Crossan
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30			
Fri Nov 24			St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE				
Sat Nov 25	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Maria & Bill Crossman
Sun Nov 26	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Michael Carroll

The Popes Intention
November
For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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/?

Bible Study with Fr. Peter Codd. The next meeting is at OLOL on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.15

RCIA/Our Journey in Faith. The next meeting is on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30 in the hall at St. Francis de Sales. All are invited.

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

Matthew 25:14-30

The main theme of this weekend is Christ, the Head of His Household. By this, we are reminded that we belong to Christ's family, the Church. This in a way prepares us for next weekend's celebration in which we shall worship Christ, as the King of the Universe.

Jesus treats his family, the church, with impeccable love and tenderness. He is close to the Church just as a faithful husband is close to his beloved bride. We who are members of Jesus family, the Church (CCC 1267) need to reciprocate Jesus' tender love and care just as a loyal wife will love her caring husband.

With devotion, we need to be at the service of Christ our head, just as a dutiful wife will always do her work with eager hands, hold out her hand to the poor and open her arms to the needy (Cf. 1st Reading). Our loyalty to Christ our head needs to also reflect that of faithful servants whose goal is to support their master's vineyard to flourish and who are ready to give their master what is his due (Cf. Gospel Reading). Christ our head will also come back to take us into his heavenly glory, and this will happen at a time we cannot predict (Cf. 2nd Reading). He wants us not to worry about the when and how of his return, but only to focus on living as people of the light; and so manifest the qualities that reflect the light of God: truth, love, peace, justice and mercy.

Let the following words of Christ our head, guide us: "Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life" Fr Gaston Forbah

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office

Please pray for Geoffrey Keegan, Jane Horscroft, Courtney Andrews, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, 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, Sheila Clements, Jim Polland, Krzysz Zablocki, Margaret McGuire & Sandy Hebden who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

A PETITION has been initiated by Barnabas Aid, who work hard to help Christians around the world suffering the effects of violence and persecution. Barnabas will ask the U.K. government to present the petition at next October's meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government, to bring to their attention the appalling increase of terrorism and extremist violence against minorities in sub-Saharan Africa, and to recognise the fact that it is Christians who are particularly at risk. Please, if you feel moved to sign the petition, do so for the sake of our brothers and sisters in the Lord.
Thank you.

'YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES' A version of the Diocese of Portsmouth's 10-year mission plan, called You will be my Witnesses is now available. Click here for link to the documents
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/ourmission/planning/ten-year-plan/>

Many thanks to all who came to Tuesday's Parish Pastoral Council and contributed to the most interesting discussions. All are invited to submit their comments and constructive ideas for the proposed new parish. These will be coordinated to form part of the proposals that will be submitted by the Pastoral Area Evangelisation Strategy Group for the proposed new **Newbury Parish** to Bishop Philip. Please email you comments to the Parish office
Email: washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Monday 27th November.

First Holy Communion preparation. The next meeting will be on Sunday 26th November at 12.15pm after Mass.

Pastoral Area Advent Retreat. This will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 2nd December starting at 10.00 am and concluding with mass at 4.00 pm and will be lead by Fr. Thomas Kleinschmidt OMV.

Toby Tyler and his sons and the wider family wish to express our profound thanks to members of the parish for your prayers, compassion and generous support in the time since Lucy died on 19th September, especially at Lucy's Vigil service on 4th October and her Requiem Mass on 5th October 2023. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Donations made in memory of Lucy to the parish Justice & Peace Group, which Lucy led for over 20 years, have raised £4,032. That sum will be distributed by the Group to the parish's Justice & Peace charities at home and abroad: Fair Close Centre, Newbury, Intercare Medical Aid for Africa, La Asuncion Orphanage, Mexico City, Aid to the Church in Need and the West Berkshire Food Bank.

Advent preparation day with the Christingle celebration at 3.30pm

On Sunday 3rd December 2023 between 1.30pm - 3.30pm there will be an afternoon of activities for young people and children in preparation for Advent. Explore the meaning of Advent as a preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Make colourful lanterns, keyrings, decorations and fun. Dress up for a mini Nativity play.

Cost £5 per child or £10 per family. Limited to 30 children. Parents of under 5s to attend please

Tickets available after 11am Masses

The Christingle celebration is at 3.30pm in Church on 3.12.23

If you cannot come to the Advent preparation afternoon, come instead to the Christingle. All parents and grandparents are welcome to our little Nativity play and Christingle.

J&P Christmas Fayre - 26th November 12-3pm

Christmas is coming early this year! Cakes and home-made goodies, gift stall, chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, craft stall and festive food & snacks will be available in St Francis De Sales Church hall. We need your HELP... Can you help run a stall? If so please contact jacquiequinn01@gmail.com. Donations of chocolate, bottles or a small gift items would be gratefully appreciated and can be left in the box in the porch. Please bring cakes & home made food gifts in on the day. See you there! Organised by the J&P group - all proceeds to our parish charities.