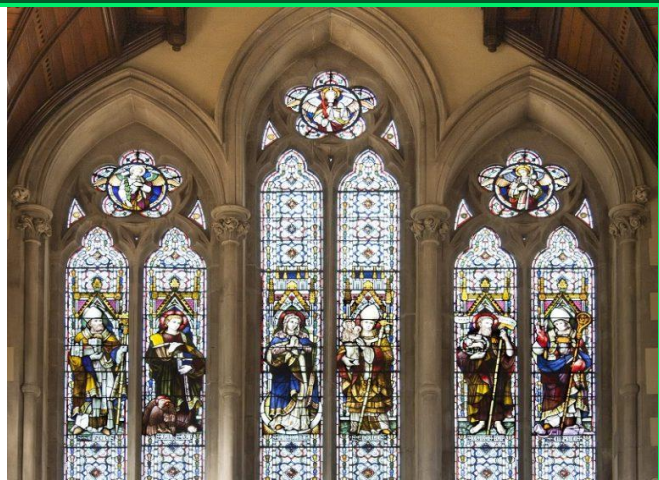


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**Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B**

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Jan 13	6:00pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	Private Intention
Sun Jan 14	9:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Jan 15				
Tues Jan 16	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	St F	<b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b> <b>MASS</b> <b>St Anthony of Egypt,</b> <b>Abbott</b>	
Wed Jan 17	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	<b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b> <b>MASS</b>	Hilda and Joseph Carlon RIP
Thurs Jan 18	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	<b>Mass</b> <b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b>	Private Intention
Fri Jan 19				
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B</b>				
Sat Jan 20	6:00pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	Private Intention
Sun Jan 21	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		The People of the Parish

**JANUARY**

**For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**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/?

**Saturday, 2nd March at 6pm. Piano Recital by Christopher Burrows at St Joseph's Church . Programme to include works by Chopin, Beethoven, Bach, Brahms and Mozart. Tickets £15 (payable at door) to include wine/sparkling wine and canapés during the interval. Click here for details**

## John 1:35-42

Our reading this Sunday is taken from the later verses of the first chapter of John, which is generally read during the Christmas season. These verses cover the early days of the ministry of Jesus. We have a last glimpse of John the Baptist, who heralds Jesus for a second time as 'the Lamb of God'. Jesus is the one who is to lay down his life like an innocent lamb 'for the sins of the world'. This is the purpose of his coming into the world, the purpose of the Son of God 'becoming flesh' and 'living among us'.

Attention quickly moves away from John the Baptist to the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples. They follow Jesus, but he challenges them with the question 'what are you seeking?' This is translated here as 'what do you want?' They counter this question with another, 'where do you live?' Jesus invites them: 'Come and see!'

The time they spend with Jesus makes a deep impression on them. Andrew cannot contain his enthusiasm. He is convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He calls his brother Simon Peter. When Jesus meets Simon Peter, he does not hesitate to enlist him among the disciples and immediately gives him the new name, Cephas, which means Rock.

These verses are marked by the enthusiastic response of the first disciples to Jesus and their eagerness to spread the news about him. This eagerness is an echo of the first reading, in which Samuel is called as a boy to be a prophet. When the good news of salvation comes, when the encounter with the word of God arrives, it cannot be contained or suppressed. It is imperative to let others know!

**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, 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.**

## Safeguarding

If you have recently been asked to take up a volunteer role in the Parish or if you previously had a DBS certificate which has now expired and requires renewal please contact Maureen Hudd by e-mail ([Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com](mailto:Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com)). I only need your name and role and the date of any existing DBS certificate issued in respect of a Parish role.

Thank you. Maureen Hudd, Parish Safeguarding Representative

## LOURDES 2024

Dates 1/7/24 returning 5/7/24

Travelling from Stansted direct to Lourdes.

Price for full board, flights and transfers £759 per person sharing.

Single room supplement £35 per night.

Travel insurance via Joe Walsh - £49 per person up to age 79, £98 per person 80 to 90 years.

Luggage allowance included in price.

Additional cost for transport to and from Stansted (from Newbury) to be advised, subject to numbers travelling.

Applications, or expressions of interest either to [office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk), or to Mrs Anne Paice - email [annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk)

First Holy Communion preparation. The next meeting will be on Sunday 14th January at 12.15 after Mass

RCIA/Journey in Faith. The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th January 2024 at St. Francis de Sales at 7.30pm

Patronal Feast and Annual Parish Meeting with shared International Lunch on Sunday 28th January. A further opportunity to consider our new 'Super Parish'

Mothers' Prayer Group': This group meets on Friday's at 10.30 with the aim to pray for the needs of our children, and for a strengthening of faith. The Movement exists in over 100 countries and members meet in one another's homes. Further details from Teresa on 07917 323364.