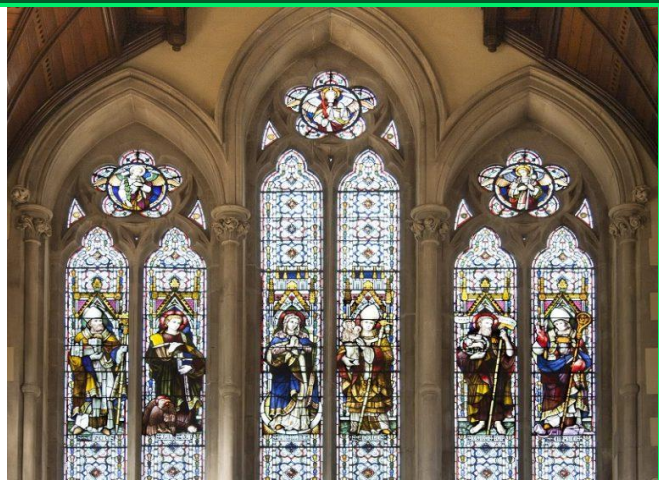


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Feb 10	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Olwyn Brian RIP
Sun Feb 11	9:00 am	OLOL		Charles & Muriel Westlake RIP
	11:00 am	St F		For Samuel and the Anniversary of his Baptism
Mon Feb 12				
Tues Feb 13	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	St F	NO MASS	
Wed Feb 14	10:00 am - 10:30 am	OLOL	MASSES	
	12:00 - 12:30 pm	St F		
	7:00 pm- 7:30 pm	St F		ASH WEDNESDAY
Thurs 15 Feb	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	MASS	
			Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri 16 Feb				
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR B				
Sat 17 Feb	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Eudes Coutinho RIP
Sun 18 Feb	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		PRIVATE INTENTION

FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill
 We pray that those with a terminal illness, and
 their families, receive the necessary physical
 and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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

**PARISH FUNDRAISING MEETING FEBRUARY
 20TH 7:30 PM**

**TO DISCUSS OUR STRATEGY GOING
 FORWARD FOR EVENTS, PARISH PROJECTS
 AND LOCAL CHARITIES. FR ZBIGNIEW
 WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO
 ATTEND AND SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE**

Mark 1:40-45

We continue to read from the opening chapter of the Gospel of Mark, and once again we are told about a healing worked by Jesus. This time it is the healing of a leper. In his desperation the leper violates the rules about keeping away from people. The reaction of Jesus mirrors the compassion of God. When our text says that Jesus 'felt sorry for him' this points to the deep compassion of the loving God. What is perhaps most remarkable about this miracle is that 'Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him'. Our first reading from the Book of Leviticus tells how lepers used to be taken to a priest and formally declared to be 'unclean'. They were banished and had to live apart. This was still the practice in Jesus' day. Jesus' attitude is completely different. He is not afraid to violate the law by reaching out and touching the leper. In this way Jesus challenges the rules about what is 'clean', and what is 'unclean'. In this miracle story it is by his touch and a simple word of command that Jesus heals the man. Perhaps surprisingly Jesus then orders the healed man to comply with the law by going to a priest and making a thanksgiving offering for his recovery. Jesus orders the man to tell nobody about his healing. This is a rather curious feature of the gospel, which shows that Jesus did not want popularity and was anxious that his work should not be misunderstood. But in his enthusiasm at being healed the man proclaims the word everywhere. The gospel ends with the irony that, while the leper rejoins society, Jesus the healer stays outside 'in places where nobody lived'.
Fr Adrian Graffy

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

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

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 & Ann Haynes** who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

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/?

Next Youth Group is on Friday 23rd February: PANCAKES! 6-8pm at St Francis de Sales
Email: ellenmclinch@gmail.com for details.
Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 1st-5th July 2024 for West Berks Pastoral Area (Applications Close on Sunday 11th February!) Travelling from Stansted direct to Lourdes. Full board, flights and transfers: £759 per person sharing; Single room supplement £35 per night; Travel insurance via Joe Walsh Tours - £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 to be advised, subject to numbers travelling. Please express your interest to Fr Michael or to Anne Paice - email: annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk

RCIA/Journey in Faith. The next meetings will be on Thursday 15th February at St. Francis de Sales at 7.30pm

MONTHLY COLLECTION JANUARY 2024
£1040.72

**St. Francis de Sales, Wash
Common/Our Lady of Lourdes
Hungerford.**

**Liturgy January - July including Lent
and Holy Week 2024**

Normal Week-end liturgy - Saturday Vigil Mass

St. F 1800

Sunday Mass OLOL 0900 St. F 1100

Normal Mid week liturgy

Tuesday St. F Mass 1900. *Mothers for Mercy*
(Adoration and Reconciliation 1800)

Wednesday. OLOL. 0930

Adoration, Mass & Reconciliation

Thursday. St. F. Mass, Adoration Rosary and
Reconciliation 0930

Friday during Lent St.F 1900 Mass

1930 Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation

Mother's Prayers: Thursday's 2.30 - 4.00

Newbury Grove Care Home. RG14 2QH

elizmalias43@gmail.com

Friday's 10.30 - 12.00 Wash Common, details from

Teresa on 07917 323364

DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
Sat 10 th /Sun 11 th Feb 6 th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Wednesday 14 th February Ash Wednesday	Mass	1000	1200/1900
Thursday 15 th February	RCIA/Journey in Faith		1930
Friday 16 ^h February	Mass Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation		1900 1930
Saturday 17 th February Rite of Election Extraordinary Ministers	St. John's Cathedral arrive 0930 Training & Refresher for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		0945-12.00
Sat 17 th /Sun 18 th Feb 1 st Lent	Mass Presentation Rite J&P CAFORD Collection Youth – Lent Preparation	0900	1800/1100 1230 -1545
Wednesday 21 st February	Bible Study	1915	
Thursday 22 nd February	RCIA/Journey in Faith		1930
Friday 23 rd February	Mass Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation Youth Group - Pancakes		1900 1930 1800-2000
Sat 24 th /Sun 25 th Feb 2 nd Lent	Mass FHC Preparation	0900	1800/1100 1200
Thursday 29 th February	Pastoral Area Evangelisation Group 1930 – Douai Abbey		
Friday 1 st March	Mass Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation		1900 1930
Thursday 7 th March	RCIA/Journey in Faith		1930
Friday 8 th March	Mass Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation J&P Group lead		1900 1930