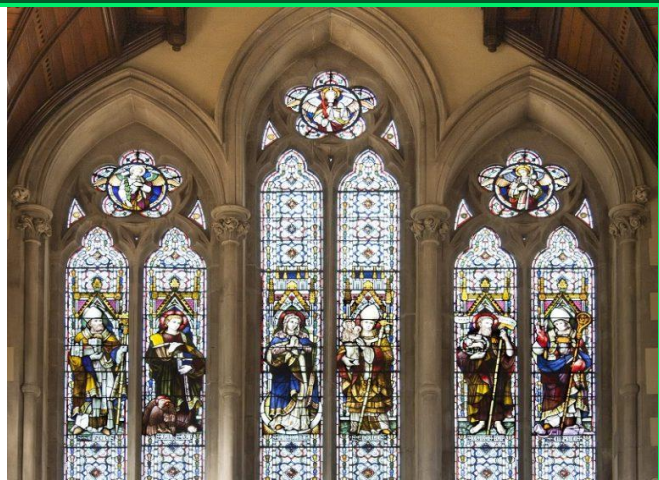


St Francis de Sales Church
 Warren Lodge, Warren Road, Wash Common,
 Newbury RG14 6NH
 Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,
 Hungerford, RG17 0AF
 Web Site: www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk
 Registered Charity Number 246871
 Parish Priest: Revd Zbigniew Budyn
 telephone: 01635 40332
 Email:
washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT TIME-YEAR B

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Mar 9	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Joanita DeSouza RIP
Sun Mar 10	9:00 am	OLOL		Alexei Navalny RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Theresa Shu on her 90 th Birthday
Mon Mar 11				
Tues Mar 12	6:00 pm -	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	Lucy Tyler RIP
	7:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
	7:30 pm			
Wed Mar 13	9:30 am -	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Thurs Mar 14	9:30 am -	St F	MASS	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30			
Fri 1 Mar 15	7:00 pm	St F	Mass Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation J&P GROUP	
	7:30 pm			

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR B

Sat 16 Mar	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun 17 Mar	9:00 am	OLOL		Julie Fox RIP
	11:00am	St F		Jane Horscroft RIP

Popes Intention March

For the new martyrs
 We pray that those who risk their lives for
 the Gospel in various parts of the world
 inflame the Church with their courage and
 missionary enthusiasm.

Sunday 10th March Second collection Clergy
 Assistance Fund. The Clergy Assistance Fund
 contributes to the work of the Department for
 Clergy Team, responsible for looking after the
 welfare, ongoing formation, and personal support
 of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual
 direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing
 formation and practical advice. Online donations
 can be made by using the following link [Clergy
 Assistance Fund Second Collection 2024 Give as
 you Live Donate](#)

Parish Cash Collection February £1083.51

CAFOD £180.00

John 9:1-41

Once again, this week we have a lengthy passage from the Gospel of John, the story of the man born blind. Only the opening verses are given here, and you are invited to complete the reading in your own Bible, by reading up to verse 41. This is another story of a journey in faith, which invites us to consider our own journey. The words of Jesus at the very start (verse 5) give us the theme: Jesus is the light of the world. Like the man born blind, we too have the opportunity of seeing again, seeing with greater clarity. Even in the opening verses given above the man has already had to defend the reality of the healing. Yes, he is indeed the man who was blind from birth, and he has indeed been given his sight. As the chapter continues, he bears witness to Jesus more and more strongly and more and more indignantly. In the end there are none so blind as those who will not see. The religious leaders refuse to see that Jesus brings light into the world. They refuse to acknowledge their own blindness.

It may seem strange that we have the story of David's anointing as king in the first reading. This reminds us that, as we were given the light of faith in baptism, we were also anointed for God's service. St Paul tells the Christians of Ephesus in our second reading: 'You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord.' Fr Adrian Graffy

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
11:00AM- 2:30 PM**

Booking for Parish Hall. Please email Maureen Hudd at Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com

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

Please pray for Geoffrey Keegan, 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 pray for the following parishioners who have died recently: -

Jane Horscroft - funeral Friday 12th April at 2.00pm

Clelia Newman - funeral Monday 11th March at 11.00am

Sheila Clements - funeral Friday 15th March at 12.00 noon

RCIA/Journey in Faith. The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st March at St. Francis de Sales at 7.30pm

Bible Study led by Fr. Peter Codd at OLOL on Wednesday 13th March at 7.15pm.

This Sunday we celebrate **The Second Scrutiny**. We pray for our Catechumens Orbigho and Ray and our Candidates Kathryn and Ailisha as they prepare for their Reception at Easter.

Grandmother Prayers - Thursday's 2.30 - 4.00 Newbury Grove Care Home RG14 2QH, elizmalias43@gmail.com

Mothers's Prayers: Friday's 10.30 - 12.00 Wash Common. details from Teresa 07917 323364

Pastoral Area Penitential Service at St. Josephs on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm

First Holy Communion preparation. The next meeting is on Sunday 17th March at 12.00.

Parish Pastoral Council. The next meeting is on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm. Please notify the office of any items to be raised.

J&P Cake Stall - 17th March There will be a Cake Stall in St Francis de Sales Church hall after 11am. Donations of Cakes, biscuits, Jams etc gladly received. All proceeds to the J&P Charities - please see J&P notice board for Charity details

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

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

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 Reconciliation 1800)

Wednesday. OLOL. Adoration, Mass and
Reconciliation 0930

Thursday. St. F. Mass, Adoration Rosary and
Reconciliation Friday during Lent St.F 1900
Mass 1930 Stations of the Cross,
Reconciliation

DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
Sat 9 th /Sun 10 th March 4 th Lent Laetare Sunday	Mass Second Scrutiny	0900	1800/1100
Tuesday 12th March	Parish Pastoral Council		1930
Friday 15 th March	Mass Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation		1900 1930
Sat 16 th /Sun 17 th March 5 th Lent	Mass Third Scrutiny FHC Preparation	0900	1800/1100 1200
Tuesday 19th March	Parish Pastoral Council		1930
Wednesday 20th March	Pastoral Area Penitential Service		1930
Thursday 21 st March	RCIA/Journey in Faith		1930
Friday 22 nd March	Mass Youth Group Stations of the Cross, Youth Group lead		1900 1800-2000 1930
Sat 23 rd /Sun 24 th March Palm Sunday	Blessing of palms Mass	0900	1800/1100
Tuesday 26 th March Chrism Mass	St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth at 1100. <i>Arrive Cathedral 0930</i>		<i>Dep't 0800</i>
Thursday 28 th March Holy Thursday	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of feet with watching at Altar of Repose to 2400	1800	2000
Friday 29 th March Good Friday	CTNA Service & Walk of Witness Children's Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of The Lord. Stations of the Cross	1200	1030 1000 1500 1900