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

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat May 18	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun May 19	9:00 am	OLOL		Tom O'Grady RIP & Margaret Ainge RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish
Mon May 20				
Tues May 21	6:00 pm -	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
	7:30 pm			
Wed May 22	9:30 am -	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Thurs May 23	9:30 am -	St F	MASS	Joan O'Brien RIP
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30			
Fri May 24				
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B				
Sat May 25	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun May 26	9:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00am	St F		

Popes Intention May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Kath Scott RIP. Please pray for the soul of Kath who died on 27th April. Her funeral will be on Friday 31st May at 2.00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Woolton Hill, RG20 9XQ. Kath in past time and for many years was a flower arranger.

Courtney Andrews RIP. Courtney's funeral will be on Tuesday 21st May at 11.00 am at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Salisbury Rd., Fordingbridge SP6 1EG

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

John 7:37-39

Pentecost Sunday brings the Paschal Mystery to completion, for through the bestowal of the Holy Spirit on God's adopted children, although diverse with different ethnicities and languages, we are united to Jesus Christ, and are incorporated into his Body, the Church. It has been fifty days since our celebration of the Resurrection. Pentecost comes from the Greek word *Pentekoste*, which means fiftieth. The Jewish festival of *Shavuot* was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It was a harvest feast, in which Jews used to decorate their homes with fruits of the harvest and foliage to show the abundance of God. Still to this very day, numerous Eastern Christian Churches decorate their churches with green foliage and flowers, which symbolically represent the divine life and gifts of the Holy Spirit. God has been abundant with us through the descent of the Holy Spirit and therefore making us his adopted children. We are called to share this abundance with others in the world - 'that the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed [will] fill now once more the hearts of believers.' One of the tasks of the Holy Spirit is to unify and inflame charity. Although all of us are distinctively unique and different, we ought to be a sign of charity and unity for the world. Unity does not mean uniformity. With much division, polarisation, war, and hatred throughout the world, how much more ought we reflect this reality of unity and charity? Let the words of St John Chrysostom the Holy Spirit be on our forethoughts today, "In former times people, seized by madness, wanted to build a tower to reach heaven (cf. Tower of Babel); by the Lord, by dividing their tongues, divided their evil purpose. So now the Holy Spirit descends upon them in fiery tongues to unify a divided world. The result is something new and strange (mystical)."

HOLD THE DATE SUNDAY 21st July!

PARISH PICNIC AFTER MASS BRING YOUR OWN FOOD. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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

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

Please pray for **Geoffrey Keegan, 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, Jim Polland, Krzysz Zablocki, Margaret McGuire, Sandy Hebden & Ann Haynes** who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

Children's Liturgy

From Sunday 19th May to Sunday 21st July the Parish will pilot a new scheme for registration for Children's Liturgy. Parents/carers are asked to register their child's attendance when they arrive for Mass. The registration will take place in the Church Porch.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 -2025

Our next Confirmation programme will begin in September 2024. It will be offered to young parishioners, who are in year 9 or above, and who are resident and participants in our Parish community.

Confirmation celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit on a baptised person, completing and strengthening the grace given by the Spirit in Baptism. It marks the Christian as a follower of Christ and a full member of the Church. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible giving your name, age and contact details. Information about the programme will be provided when we receive your application. Parish Office: washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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/?

Sunday 9 June. J&P CAKE STALL in the hall at St Francis de Sales after 11 am mass. Please support us with donations of cakes and jams - and come and buy! All proceeds to parish Justice & Peace charities. Thank you for your support and your custom! Organised by J&P group.

Wednesday 22nd May 7.15 - 9.00pm **Bible Study** with Fr. Peter at Our Lady of Lourdes Hungerford. Wednesday 22nd May 7.30 **Adult Formation Group** with Fr. Michael at St. Joseph's

Thursday 23rd May 2.30 - 4pm **Grand Mothers Prayer Group** at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Rd. Newbury RG14 2QH .Friday 24th May 10.30 - 12.00 **Mothers Prayers** at Chris & Teresa's house 0791 7323364

Thursday 23rd May 7.30 - 9pm **Journey in Faith Together** and examining the Sunday readings at Chris & Teresa's house.

Sunday 2nd June **Feast of Corpus Christi**. Family Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession around our grounds.

Sunday 16th June OLOL Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the new church. Mass at St. Francis de Sales at 10.00 and at OLOL at 12.00

MEDJUGORGE YOUTH FESTIVAL. 31st July to 7th August. Further details from Sue Smith <susan.smith313@ntlworld.com>

Youth Pilgrimage for Lourdes 22nd - 26th July details from <lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk>