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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Sep 28	6:00pm	St F	MASS	The People of the Parish
Sun Sep 29	09:00 am	OLOL		Elixabeth Ward RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Margaret Ellis RIP
Mon Sep 30			St Jerome, Priest DOC	
Tues Oct 1	6:00 pm -	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
	7:30 pm			
Wed Oct 2	9:30 am -	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Thurs Oct 3	9:30 am -	St F	MASS	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Fri Oct 4			St Francis of Assisi	

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Oct 5	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Mike Hughes RIP
Sun Oct 6	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		

The Popes Intention September

For the cry of the Earth
 We pray that each one of us will hear and take to
 heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of
 natural disasters and climactic change, and that
 all will undertake to personally care for the world
 in which we live

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

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 supporting us financially Lloyds Bank 30 93
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 Francis de Sales Ref: St Francis de
 Sales/Your name

Special Blessing for the month of
September this Sunday to celebrate birthdays,
 anniversaries and special events.

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

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

This gospel reading contains a collection of different sayings of Jesus. The first speech warns us against the exclusive attitude which says that, unless someone completely shares our opinions and our faith, they can do no good. The next saying seems to confirm this. Any good deed from whatever source, Jesus implies, should be welcomed and will be rewarded.

Jesus then speaks of 'obstacles' placed in the way of believers, the 'little ones' who have faith. The Greek word used here is similar to the word 'scandal'. To scandalise others, to violate their faith, to undermine their pursuit of what is good and right, is plainly wrong.

Jesus then apparently suggests that self-mutilation, cutting off hand or foot, and tearing out the eye, would be better than sinning. What are we to make of this? This is an extreme way of pointing out the seriousness of sin. Christians should understand the strength of what Jesus is saying, but Christian teaching has never condoned self-harm of this magnitude.

Finally, what are we to make of the references to hell and its eternal fire? The Church teaches us that the image of eternal fire is an attempt to express the dreadful pain of losing God and of shutting oneself off from the love of others. This pain is worse than any physical suffering.

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, 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, Arthur Mitchell, Malcolm Higgins, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph, Gillian Spencer, Jim Polland, Krzysz Zablocki, Margaret McGuire, Sandy Hebden & Sean Early who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

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

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on October 4th. Please support CAFOD in their valuable work. Fast Day envelopes available from September 28th/29th.

You can also give online at cafod.org.uk
Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Urgently needs your help as a volunteer to maintain the children's liturgy on a weekly basis. Are you **interested** in being part of the team that is delivering this lovely, rewarding and privileged ministry? that supports and encourages our young children in their faith journey.

We need your help by joining this team and maintaining and delivering this important role supporting and providing help to the Catechist team, and in maintaining Safeguarding guidelines. Please contact Caroline or Ann on 07791258363 or the Parish Office

First Holy Communion 2025 We are now starting the preparations for next year's First Holy Communion Programme. The course will start in October 2024 with the usual age for receiving the Sacrament for the first time being eight years of age or above (children in primary Year 3 or above). If you would like your child to be included, please contact either link: <https://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/church-info/sacraments/first-holy-communion/register-interest> email fhc3.newbf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your Name, your child's name and their age.

If your child needs to leave the church during Mass, they MUST be accompanied by an adult.

J&P Cake Stall Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October

There will be a Cake Stall at St Francis de Sales after mass on Sat 5th October and Sunday 6th October. Donations of Cakes, biscuits, Jams etc gladly received. Please bring on the day & kindly list ingredients. All proceeds to the J&P Charities (new charities to be announced shortly).

J&P Sunflower Competition

If you haven't yet sent in the height of your sunflowers that you have been growing over the summer please remember the deadline is end of September. For a chance to win please send name, height of sunflower(s) and category to stfrancisjgroup@gmail.com by 30th September (photos whilst not essential would be appreciated!).

Mass Count: Today is one of four Sundays when we make a count of those at Masses. The figures are submitted to ultimately inform statistics about Mass attendance around the world at present.

PAPAL COMMUNICATION: Pope Francis has said that it would be fitting to celebrate the Jubilee Year in 2025 by cancelling all or most of the debts of the world's poorest countries. The full text of the Papal Bull announcing the Jubilee Year is available on the Vatican website.

Thursday 10.30am - 12 noon Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH. Ladies, are you sometimes free on Thursday mornings? The Mothers' and Grandmothers' Prayers Group would love to see you. Meet at 10.30 am at Newbury Grove Care Home to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided and good chats afterwards. Contact Elizabeth after 11 am Mass or call 07880663462. Better still, just come along to 370 London Road - just past The Swan Pub.

7.30pm 'Living Your Faith Group' meets on alternate Thursdays to reflect on the Sunday readings at Chris and Teresa's house - 7 Rupert Road, Newbury RG14 7EQ. (07917 323364) All are welcome to come along.

Mothers Prayers. Friday 1030 - 1200 At Teresa's house. All are welcome

Parish Readers Training Course: Saturday 9th November 2024 at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common. Starting with Mass at 10am and finishing at 2pm after a bring-your-own lunch in the Parish Hall. The course will be led by Claire Tickell and will focus on the practical aspects of reading at Mass. Please email Toby Tyler at rts.tyler@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

Pastoral Area Advent Retreat. Saturday 30th November at OLOL at 10am led by Fr. Francis Preston SDB assisted by a young student and concluding with Mass at 1600.