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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Nov 9	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Nov 10	09:00 am	OLOL		Edward Wilmott RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Margaret Hawkes RIP
Mon Nov 11			St Martin of Tours, Bishop, Religious	
Tues Nov 12	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm			
Wed Nov 13	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	Ronald & Joan Willmott RIP
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Thurs Nov 14	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	MASS	
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Fri Nov 15				

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Nov 16	6:00 pm	St F	MASSES	
Sun Nov 17	09:00 am	OLOL		Olive Cunane RIP
	11:00am	St F		The deceased Members of the Connolly & O'Brien Families

Popes Intention November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

Mark 12:38-44

It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the generosity of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular "destitute" widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy, ostentatiously and out of their excess.

Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a model of discipleship who offers "her whole living" despite the exploitation? Is she refusing to be a victim by making her own choice to contribute despite the unconscionable behavior of the Temple authorities? We may not need to choose just one interpretation from among the many. Every powerful story allows for multiple interpretations. It is clear that this woman's action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness. St Veronica Lawson

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.

Wednesday 7.30pm: Adult Formation Talks in St Joseph's Hall - All are welcome.

Tuesday 12th November Parish **Pastoral Council Meeting** 7.30 - 9.00pm in hall. Please notify the office of any items for discussion.

Is God calling you to become Catholic?

People who are interested in exploring the Catholic Faith as well as adult Catholics seeking Confirmation are invited to speak with our priests or contact the parish office. or email <fjcon@btinternet.com> We will be running a further RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) starting next September to which you would be most welcome to join.

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

New Lectionary: 5th November and 19th November 7- 8pm online. Two on-line sessions about the new lectionary to be introduced in Advent. Each, led by Fr Anthony Fyk, is identical (log in for only one) and explains the lectionary, its revisions and what they mean, plus Questions and Answers. Question may be submitted in advance liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. 19th November: <https://bit.ly/3YmxGwd>

J&P Christmas Fayre - Sat 23rd / Sun 24th November

The J&P team are pleased to confirm that the Christmas Fayre will be running after Mass on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th November. Donations of chocolates, bottles and small good as new children's toys are requested - please place items in the box provided in the Church Hall. A Christmas cake stall selling festive cakes & food gifts will also be run on the Saturday & Sunday - please bring items on the day with the ingredients listed. If any Church Groups would like to have a stall to raise funds for their activities, please contact stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com

Pastoral Area Advent Retreat on Saturday 30th November at OLOL at 10.00 am. Led by Fr. Francis Preston SDB assisted by two Salesian Brothers from Vietnam and Croatia and concluding with Mass at 4.00pm. Bring your own lunch, **ALL** are welcome.