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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Nov 30	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Dec 1	09:00 am	OLOL		Edward Wilmott RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Deceased Brothers of Newbury Catenian Circle
Mon Dec 2				Tony O'Sullivan RIP
Tues Dec 3	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm		MASS	
	7:30 pm			
Wed Dec 4	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am - 10:30		MASS	
Thurs Dec 5	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am - 10:30		MASS	
Fri Dec 6	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	Martin O'Neill RIP
	7:00 pm		MASS	
	7:30 pm			

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR C

Sat Dec 7	6:00 pm	St F	MASSES	
	09:00 am	OLOL		Deceased Members of the Holdsworth Family
	11:00am	St F		

Popes Intention December

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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

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Luke 21:25-28,34-36 Sr Veronica Lawson

Today's gospel passage, with its vivid description of the end-time signs, may seem a strange choice of reading for Advent and the beginning of the Church year. Its depiction of global devastation has a particular resonance in a post-industrial world faced with climate crisis. Some may be tempted to interpret "apocalyptic" events of today as the judgement of an interventionist God. This is far from the truth. Our mindless exploitation of planetary resources has brought its own judgement and we must struggle together to save our planet from further destruction. Advent and Christmas are about the coming "in power and great glory" of the One who brings the liberation of God. The earliest Christians believed that Jesus would soon return and bring everything to completion. Some decades after Jesus' death, Luke's community had come to realize that the "final" coming of Christ was not just as imminent as they had expected. They needed to be reminded that a delayed return was no excuse for lack of vigilance. Luke warns against activities and attitudes that de-sensitize the heart or the human spirit. For Luke, an attentive heart and constant prayer for the strength to withstand whatever comes is the proper stance for the Christian believer. An attentive heart will be attuned to the cry of the earth and the cry of those rendered poor by those who exploit the goods of the earth. The image of Jesus coming on the clouds belongs within an ancient understanding of the structure of the world in which God and God's heavenly court are located in the heavens above. It might function in our times as a reminder that the Incarnation, "God's becoming material" (Karl Rahner), is an ongoing cosmic event, not just a once-off event limited to one place and one time.

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 Pollard, Krzysz Zablocki, Margaret McGuire, Sandy Hebden, Sean Early & Tony Lavers who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

John Toal RIP. Please pray for John who died on the 14th November.

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

Christingle Notice. Sunday 8th December 2024 2pm to 4 pm

This year we will be meeting in the church at 2pm for a very short dress rehearsal, then go into the Hall to dress up in costumes provided (we have Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper, 8 angel, 5 Star, 3 kings and 4 shepherd costumes) or come already dressed as a shepherd, star, angel or farmyard animal. We will then decorate a lantern to learn how to make a Christingle followed by a Nativity play. All Children and their families Welcome.

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

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the start of the new Liturgical Year - Year C. It is also the Introduction of the New Lectionary. The CTS New Sunday Missal (People's Edition) with the new translation of The Lectionary containing the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle from 1st December, is available to purchase direct from CTS for £19.95 (hard-back edition) at www.ctsbooks.org or from Pilgrim Gifts based in Walsingham via www.pilgrimgifts.co.uk. Also available digitally from Magnificat and Universalis

Blessed Carlo Acutis: The London-born teenager who died at 15 years old, and who has been hailed by Pope Francis as "God's influencer" for his work through the internet, is to be canonised a saint during the weekend of 26th April 2025 in Rome.

Thursday 5th December. Pastoral Area Evangelisation Strategy Meeting at St. F. de Sales at 7.30pm.

Sunday 8th December. First Holy Communion Preparation. Lesson 4 following 11.00 Mass

Christingle Service. 3.00pm

Ecumenical Carol service at OLOL 5.00pm

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Liturgy November 2024 - January 2025

Normal Weekend liturgy - Saturday Vigil

Mass St. F 1800

Sunday Mass OLOL 0900 St. F 1100

First Sunday of month at St. F. will be a
special Family Mass

Last Sunday of month blessings for
birthdays, anniversaries & special events

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 0930

Friday in Advent St. F. Mass, &
Reconciliation 1900-2000

DATE	DAY	OLOL	St. F
Saturday 30th November	Pastoral Area Advent Retreat Led by Fr. Francis Preston SDB. 1000 to Mass at 1600 at OLOL	1000	
Sat 30 th Nov/Sun 1 st Dec. 1 st Advent	Mass 1100 – Family Mass	0900	1800/1100
Thursday 5 th December	Evangelisation Strategy Group	1930	
Friday 6 th December	Mass and Reconciliation		18.30/1930
Sat 7 th /Sun 8 th December 2 nd Advent	Mass FHC Preparation. Lesson 4 Christingle Service Ecumenical Carol Service at OLOL	0900 1700	1800/1100 1200 1500
Wednesday 11 th December	St. Joseph's school Carol Concert at St. Joseph's Church at 1800		
Friday 13 th December	Mass and Reconciliation Youth Group – Christmas Party		1900 – 2000 1800-2000
Sat 14 th /Sun 15 th December 3 rd Advent	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Tuesday 17 th December	Pastoral Area Penitential Service at St. Joseph's Church at 1930		
Friday 20 th December	Mass and Reconciliation		1900 - 2000