

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Dec 21	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Dec 22	09:00 am	OLOL		The people of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		Sylvia RIP 4 th Anniversary
Mon Dec 23				
Tues Dec 24	4:00 pm -	St F	MASS	Anne Palmer RIP
	5:00 pm			
	6:30 pm	OLOL		
	7:30 pm			
	9:30pm	St F		
Wed Dec 25	9:00 am -	OLOL	MASS	
	10:00 am			
	11:00 am -	St F	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
	12:00am			
Thurs Dec 26	9:30 am -	St F	NO MASS	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30		ST STEPHEN, the First Martyr	
Fri Dec 27			ST JOHN, Apostle	

THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - YEAR C

Sat Dec 28	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Dec 29	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		

Christmas Collection an opportunity for us to
 say thank you to Fr Zbigniew for his dedication
 and hard work. donations may be made at the
 church card reader or

[Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are fundraising for](#)
[Newbury St Francis de Sales, Wash Common Catholic](#)
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The Parish Office is open on Tuesday,
 Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm Parish
 Administrator Yvonne Eaton

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

Luke 1:39-45 Fr Paul Lyons

The promised child is to be born of Mary, and Luke's gospel is significant as it gives primacy of place to the role of a woman who brings forth the saviour. In addition, Elizabeth who gave birth to John the Baptist; these two women provide the human context for the service and role that Jesus is to play as the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies; John will be his herald!

The prayerful union between Mary and Elizabeth ("My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord"), a prayer of Mary that accompanies each of us as we say evening prayer II. Elizabeth, for her part, reflects the coming of Jesus when she proclaims to Mary ("For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy").

Popes Intention December

For pilgrims of hope

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

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 & Tony Lavers who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

Please help us to continue God's work by supporting us financially Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993 CDP Newbury StFrancis de Sales Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name

Wednesday 1st January **Feast of Mary Mother of God**. Mass of Healing with the Anointing and Blessing of the sick at 12.00 noon at St. Francis de Sales. All are welcome and please invite any who are sick.

BISHOP'S VISIT TO NEWBURY PASTORAL AREA

On 28th November Bishop Philip visited our pastoral area of Newbury and met with Fr Zbigniew and other clergy of our pastoral area churches, along with members of the Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST), to discuss the EST's proposals for the the diocesan ten-year mission strategy, *You Will be My Witnesses*, and its implementation. Bishop Philip noted that this part of Berkshire is growing with many new developments, an area with great potential for the Church, for its growth, its life and mission. The EST has an ambitious set of plans for this and is making excellent progress. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Parish Office. More details in the New Year.

CTNA (Churches Together in Newbury Area) **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY**

EVENT: Christmas lunch will take place in St George's Hall, Newbury, 10.00am-4pm, for those who might otherwise spend Christmas Day alone. Volunteers are needed to set up the hall and prepare vegetables (10.30pm-12.30pm Christmas Eve) - or on the day: drivers, entertainers, washer-uppers, servers, and one large Christmas cake! If you, yourself, will be alone and want to join the lunch, or for more information contact Joanna Abrahams 07828 244119 or email marinaoabraham@gmail.com

The Film **Conclave** is showing in the Corn Exchange until Thur. 2nd Jan. A fictional account that follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events - selecting the new Pope.

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 Francis <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.

World Youth Day Pilgrimage - ROME 28th July to 4th August 2025

During that week, there will be thousands of young people in Rome at the invitation of the Holy Father for the Jubilee Year. We will also be there for the Mass and ceremony at which Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron of our Youth, will be canonised. For more information and pre-booking, contact youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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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
Sat 21 st /Sun 22 nd Dec. 4 th Advent	Mass	OLOL 0900	St. F 1800/1100
Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve	Mass	1830	1600 & 2130
Wednesday 25 th December Nativity of The Lord	Mass	0900	1100
Sat 28 th /Sun 29 th December Holy Family	Mass 1100 – Anniversaries Blessings	0900	1800/1100
Wednesday 1 st Jan. 2025 Mary Mother of God	Mass of Healing Anointing and Blessing of the sick		1200
Sat 4 th /Sun 5 th January The Epiphany of The Lord	Mass Sunday 1100 – Family Mass	0900	1800/1100
Sat 11 th /Sun 12 th January The Baptism of The Lord	Mass FHC Preparation. Lesson 5	0900	1800/1100 1200