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

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Feb 15	6:00pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	Eudes Coutinho RIP
Sun Feb 16	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Gerry O'Shea RIP
Mon Feb 17				
Tues Feb 18	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	<b>MASS</b> <b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b>	
Wed Feb 19	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	<b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b> <b>MASS</b>	
Thurs Feb 20	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	<b>MASS</b> <b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b>	Malcolm Higgins for recovery in health
Fri Feb 21				

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

Sat Feb 22	6:00 pm	St F	<b>MASS</b>	Tom & Jose O'Sullivan RIP
Sun Feb 23	09:00 am	OLOL		Thanksgiving Mass for Orphelia's better health
	11:00am	St F		

**Popes Intention February**

**For vocations to priestly and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life.

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

**Anthony Kirk RIP**

Please pray for the repose of Anthony's Soul and for his wife Judith. The family were former parishioners at St.F. and at St. Josephs. His funeral is on the 19th of February

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

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

## Luke 6:17,20-26

Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' is much shorter than the more famous 'Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's gospel. Both these collections of Jesus' teaching begin with beatitudes, introduced by 'blessed' or 'happy'. In Luke there are four, and they are followed by four 'woes', speeches which begin in our translation with 'alas'.

It is quite clear from the beatitudes that Jesus challenges the opinions of his own day, and indeed of ours. We encounter here the mystery which lies at the heart of the gospel and at the heart of life: that suffering and loss are an extraordinary channel of blessing. How difficult it is for Christians to fathom this truth! The loving self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the best aid to reflecting on this mystery.

Jesus was sent to bring 'good news to the poor'. He will show repeatedly in Luke's gospel that lack of attachment to the good things of the world leaves a person free to discover the values of God. At the same time, to bring assistance to those in material poverty is a gospel imperative. When he speaks of the persecution of the prophets, and foresees the sufferings of Christians, Jesus points to his own fate.

*In what sense is poverty a channel of blessing in my life?*

*How do I view the abuse people suffer for being Christian?*

*Let us pray for a profound detachment from material things.*

*Let us ask for courage and love in our dealings with those who deride us.*

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.

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 30<sup>th</sup> June -

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025: £839 including flights (Heathrow to Toulouse), transfers, full board, and daily programme of events. (£39 per night single supplement; 10 Euros Sanctuary supplement). Please speak with or contact Anne Paice for further information or to book - email: [annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk)

## **KEEP THE DATE Sunday 23rd February - Anniversaries Blessings**

Saturday 29th March. **Pastoral Area Lent Reflections Day** 1100 to 1500 at OLOL led by Fr. Francis Preston SDB assisted by 2 seminarians and including a programme for young parishioners. Please circulate and ALL will be most welcome.

We are holding a **Bosco Experience & Reunion Afternoon** on **Sunday 9th March** from 2 - 4pm at St Peter's Catholic Church, Winchester SO23 8RY. A chance for new boys who want to find out more and have a 'taste' of the Bosco Experience and for those who have been on camp to meet with old friends. Fun activities and a chance for parents to find out more and sign up for camp.

**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 [Francisfjcon@btinternet.com](mailto:Francisfjcon@btinternet.com) We will be running a further RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) starting in September to which you would be most welcome to join.

**Marriage Difficulties?** 'Retrouvaille' (means - to rediscover love or relationship) Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty; helping couples whose relationships 'need a little help' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. In 2024, Retrouvaille England and Wales helped over 70 couples bring hope and healing back into their marriage and coordinators Sharon and James Westby from Windsor invite interested parties to join their next online programme beginning on **Thursday 27th February**