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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes				
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Feb 22	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Tom & Jose O'Sullivan RIP
Sun Feb 23	09:00 am	OLOL		Thanksgiving Mass for Orphelia's better health
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Feb 24				
Tues Feb 25	6:00 pm -	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
Wed Feb 26	9:30 am -	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30			
Thurs Feb 27	9:30 am -	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	Josephine O'Sullivan RIP
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30			
Fri Feb 28				
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
Sat Mar 1	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Mar 2	09:00 am	OLOL		The deceased members of the Gill Family
	11:00am	St F		Timothy O'Sullivan RIP

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

**BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES FOR
FR ZBIGNIEW 28TH FEBRUARY**

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

**COPIES OF THE REPORTS & MINUTES OF THE
PARSH AGM ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH
PORCH**

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

Luke 6:27-38 Fr Adrian Graffy

We continue reading from Luke's collection of the teaching of Jesus known as the 'Sermon on the Plain'. The essence of this reading is found in verses 27 and 28. There is a radical new teaching here given to all the disciples of Jesus, that we should love our enemies. This teaching is found in Matthew and Luke, in their respective collections of Jesus' teaching, and challenges the teaching of Jesus' contemporaries. This teaching is elaborated in the following verses and repeated in verse 35. We are called to be like God, because we are children of God.

Throughout Luke's gospel Jesus reveals the compassion of God, and the call is for us to 'be compassionate as God is compassionate'. These are among the most difficult words of Jesus found anywhere in the four canonical gospels. The Christian is not called to 'do to others what you would want them to do to you', but, in a far more demanding manner, to 'do as God does'.

To what extent do I live the gospel command to 'love your enemies'?

Is compassion a major factor in my dealings with others?

Let us pray that we may truly imitate the love of Christ.

Let us pray for generosity of heart in all we do.

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 and John Huckle who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

Sunday 23rd February -Anniversaries Blessings

Monday 24th February - Confirmation meeting

Wednesday 26th February - Pastoral Area Evangelisation Group - meeting at St. Josephs

Friday 28th February -YOUTH GROUP-Curry Night - In Hall 6-8pm

Sat 15th March, **A Concert in aid of Noreen's Kids.** 7pm The Croft Hall, Hungerford. An evening of piano music by Christopher Burrow. Tickets £15 to include canapes and a glass of wine. Contact Anna 07786494041 anna@noreenskids.org

Lent Lunches Fridays at 12.30pm 7th March Hungerford Methodist Church followed by World Day of Prayer 2pm. 14th March Our Lady of Lourdes 21st March St Lawrence Church 28th March United Reformed Church. Donations to support Noreen's Kids and Christian Aid

CAFOD Meeting: Find out how your donations to CAFOD make a difference to communities in Kenya. 10:30am 1pm at Christ the King Church Hall, Reading RG2 8NR. All welcome. Book by emailing: jlewry@cafod.org.uk

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money Coaching Course: CAP Newbury Debt Centre announce CAP Money Coaching courses in Newbury in March - a free service designed to empower all ages with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to better manage their finances. Anyone can benefit - from seasoned budgeting experts to those struggling to get to grips with their spending as families, students or pensioners. Hosted at St. Nicolas' Church Hall, on Wednesday 19th and 26th March at 7pm. To book a free place or for further information contact Colin Cunningham at colincunningham@capuk.org or on 07393 496480.

Assisted Suicide Bill Bias: The Committee stage of MP Kim Leadbeater's Assisted Suicide Bill has begun, raising serious concerns about its conduct. * The Committee has been 'stacked' with a higher number of MPs who support the Bill. * Nearly twice as many witnesses supported assisted suicide than the number who opposed it. * Important voices have been excluded, including the Government's chief Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisor, the British Geriatrics Society, and several disability rights groups, senior palliative care doctors and legal experts with relevant expertise. MPs must be aware of the serious issues in the scrutiny of Kim Leadbeater's Bill. It is vital they know our concerns and vote against it at Third Reading. Please take action now visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP - it only takes moments.