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

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Mar 1	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Mar 2	09:00 am	OLOL		The deceased members of the Gill Family
	11:00 am	St F		Timothy O'Sullivan RIP
Mon Mar 3				
Tues Mar 4	6:00 pm -	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
Wed Mar 5	10:00 am	OLOL	MASSES	
	12:00	St F		
	7:30	St F		
Thurs Mar 6	9:30 am -	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
	10:30			
Fri Mar 7	7:00 pm	St F	MASS Stations of the Cross	
	7:30 pm			

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR C

Sat Mar 8	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Joanita De Souza RIP
Sun Mar 9	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		Ryszard RIP because of his Birthday

Popes Intention March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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

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 6:39-45

In today's opening prayer, the priest leads us to pray: "Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule..." (Cf. Opening Prayer). This prayer expresses a profound longing deeply engraved in our hearts - a desire for a better world. However, we could sometimes be inclined to think that change will come if only others change their ways. On the contrary, the conversion we desire to see in others must begin from ourselves. This is an important message we glean, especially from the gospel of today.

- Jesus warns his disciples not to think of themselves better than those whom they consider sinful. He asserts that each one has got something they must work on to be a leading example. "Can a blind man lead a blind man?"

- Jesus calls for thorough self-examination: First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye"

- It is always good to examine our own words and actions for by doing so, we will discover that we also have a journey of conversion to make. Our words and actions reflect our reasoning and "this is the test of people"

- Conversion is a life-long journey that involves everyone for we are all called to reflect the image of God who is Peace. In this regard, the Church teaches: "The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God and to be transformed into the image of the Father's only Son.

- As we begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday this week, let us pray for the grace to honestly face our own weaknesses so that we can lead others on the path of virtue.

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

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

Foodbank Collection Trial at St Francis de Sales.

A collection point in the Foyer of the Church Hall for the West Berkshire Foodbank will be set up after the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am Masses for a trial period of 12 weeks starting on the 1st March 2025. The items donated will be used to provide support to local people in crisis. Food donations of dried, tinned and long shelf-life food cupboard staples would be gratefully received. A list of the most urgently needed items will also be published regularly. Current items urgently needed include: cereal bars, jam, Size 6/7/8 nappies, toothpaste, longlife juice, herbs & spices, tinned meals (Spagbol, curry, stew) & UHT milk. Please note we will not be collecting cleaning materials.

Justice & Peace Cake Stall - 22nd & 23rd March

The cake stall in March this year will be the week before Mothers' day and so we are planning to offer Mother's day gifts - donations are therefore requested to fill 'Mothers' Day gift jars. Small "pamper" items (guest soaps, lip salve, small hand cream etc) or small wrapped chocolates. Please bring items by Sunday 16th March (box for donations is in hall foyer) - thank you.

Lent Stations of the Cross. Each Friday in Lent there will be Mass at 7.00pm followed at 7.30 by Stations of the Cross led by different parish groups. Also during this period the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Please sign the list in the porch if you would like to help lead this devotion

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

LENTEN APPEAL 2025

Supporting Our Sister Parish in Kenya

“Pilgrims of Hope”

URENGA CATHOLIC CHURCH BENCH APPEAL

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales,

In the heart of Kenya's Kisumu Archdiocese, the faithful of Urenga Catholic Church gather each Sunday to celebrate Mass. - not in comfortable pews but carrying their own seats or sharing the few thin benches available. Despite these challenges, their faith remains unwavering, their songs of praise resounding.

We have learned of this from Fr Zbigniew and Jeremiah who visited the Church recently. It is their proposal that our Parish creates a more dignified worship space by raising funds to have 32 Pews made locally in Africa. The total cost of this will be £ 5,760.00. Donations can be made as follows:

- One full pew (£180) = worship space for 12 people
- Half pew (£90) = worship space for 6 people
- Quarter pew (£45) = worship space for 3 people
- Every contribution makes a difference

A full pew will carry a dedication plate with the donor's name(s), creating a legacy of your generosity and connection between our two parishes.

Payments should be made to

Lloyds Bank

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Account Name: CDP Newbury St Francis de Sales

Reference: Bench Appeal/Your name

Campaign ends: 20th April 2025