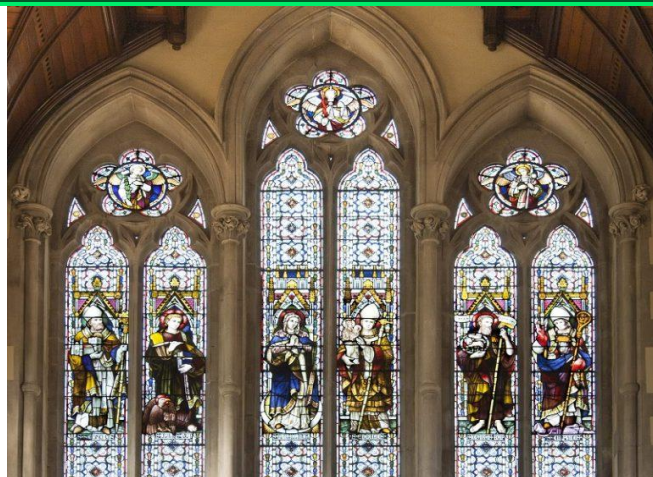


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Apr 5	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
Sun Apr 6	09:00 am	OLOL		Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Philomina Jackson
Mon Apr 7				Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
Tues Apr 8	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
Wed Apr 9	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
	10:00 am - 10:30		MASS	
Thurs Apr 10	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP Malcolm Cantwell RIP
Fri Apr 11	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	St F	MASS Stations of the Cross	Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord- YEAR C				
Sat Apr 12	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
Sun Apr 13	09:00 am	OLOL		Tadeusz Pogorzelski RIP
	11:00am	St F		Dorothy Mary Barber RIP

Popes Intention April

For the use of the new technologies

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 will not replace human relationships, will respect
 the dignity of the person, and will help us face
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**THE CARD READER IN THE CHURCH IS
WORKING AGAIN**

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.

John 8:1-11 Fr Adrian Gaffy

Having had gospel readings from Luke for many Sundays now, we might be surprised that this Sunday gospel is from the Gospel of John. All is not as it seems. This gospel story, although found in John, is very similar to stories in the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is absent from some ancient copies of John, and has long been considered an insertion into John's gospel. It is, nevertheless, reliable gospel tradition, but comes from an unknown source. The early Christians deliberately put down in writing all the traditions about Jesus they had received. The theme of forgiveness is prominent, as on previous Sundays. Jesus is being tested, as so often by the religious leaders of his day. The matter of fidelity to the Law of Moses is raised in a dramatic way. The actions of Jesus are eloquent. He crouches down to write on the ground, turning away from judgement and condemnation. He then 'stands up' to deliver words of forgiveness, words which restore her life to the woman and allow her to rise up. Words of forgiveness empower us to stand erect, and to accept the challenge not to sin again.

Am I prepared to understand and pardon the sinner?

Do I value the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way of receiving for myself the new future offered to the woman in the gospel passage?

We pray for readiness to seek the forgiveness of Christ.

We pray for all those trapped in lifestyles of abuse.

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.

The Easter Triduum

The Celebration of the Easter Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil is one service celebrated over three days, and we are all invited to be part of this great celebration.

Friday 11h April. Mass 7.00pm followed by **Stations of the Cross** led by the Newbury Catenians

Saturday 12th April: 7.30 pm at St Nicolas' Church: Newbury Choral Society, together with a professional orchestra and soloists, will perform Elgar's '**The Dream of Gerontius**', a work for voices and orchestra based on the 1865 poem written by St John Henry Newman. Tickets (£16.50 or £5.50 for under 16s) are available via newburychoral.org.uk.

Tuesday 15th April. **Pastoral Area Penitential Service** St. Joseph's Church at 7.30 pm with several priest present.

Friday 18th April - **Good Friday. CTNA ecumenical service** starting at St. Nicolas Church at 1030 followed by a Walk of Witness through Northbrook Street to the Methodist Church. All are welcome

'CARE - NOT KILLING' PETITION: All MPs will vote on the amended Assisted Suicide Bill at the Third Reading in late April or early May. 142 MPs who voted in favour of the Bill at 2nd Reading in November could change their vote at 3rd Reading because of concerns over so-called safeguards. Those concerns include dropping the requirement that a High Court judge must look at every assisted death application on a case-by-case basis By signing the Petition, Catholics in England and Wales can impress upon their MPs how dangerous this Bill is while there's still time. Sign the petition at <https://carenotkilling.uk/petition>

DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
Friday 4 th April	Mass Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation		1900 1930
Sat 5 th /Sun 6 th April 5 th Lent	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Friday 11 th April	Mass Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation		1900 1930
Sat 12 th /Sun 13 th April Palm Sunday	Mass Blessing of palms Mass	0900	1800/1100
Tuesday 15 th April Chrism Mass	St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth at 1100.		
Tuesday 15 th April	Pastoral Area Penitential Service St. Joseph's at 1930		
Thursday 17 th April Holy Thursday	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of feet with watching at Altar of Repose to 2400	1800	2000
Friday 18 th April Good Friday	CTNA Service & Walk of Witness Children's Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of The Lord. Stations of the Cross, led by Toby	1200	1030 1000 1500 1900
Saturday 19 th April Holy Saturday	Blessing of Bread		1200
Saturday 19 th April Easter Vigil	Solemn Liturgy		2030
Sunday 20 th April Easter Sunday	Mass	0900	1100
Friday 25 th April	Youth Group at Waterside Centre		1800 - 2000
Sat 26 th /Sun 27 th April 2 nd Easter Feast of the Divine Mercy	Mass Anniversaries Blessings Liturgy for Divine Mercy	0900 1500	1800/1100
Sat 3 rd /Sun 4 th May 3 rd Easter	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Saturday 10 th May	J&P Quiz night with speaker from West Berks Homeless and supported by Youth Group		1900
Sat 10 th /Sun 11 th May 4 th Easter	Mass World Day of Prayer for Vocations	0900	1800/1100