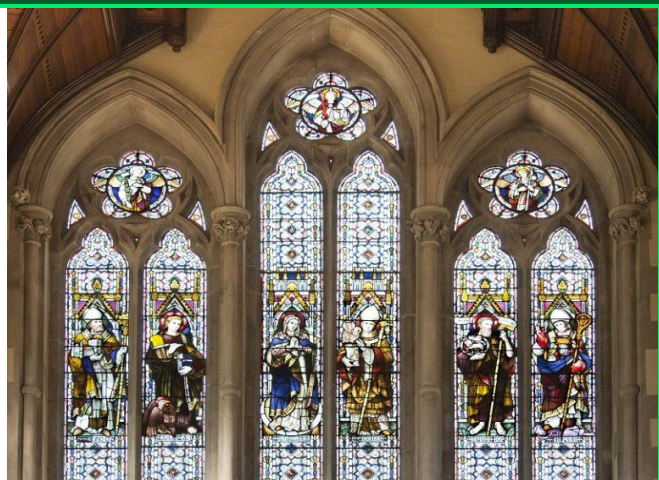


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes				
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C				
	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat May 24	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Dorothy Myers RIP
Sun May 25	09:00 am	OLOL		The Curtis Family in Memory of our son Thomas
	11:00 am	St F		For the Souls in Purgatory
Mon May 26				
Tues May 27	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY Bishop	
Wed May 28	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	NO MASS	
Thurs May 29	10:00 am	OLOL	MASSES THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity	
	12:00 noon	St F		
	7:00 pm	St F		
Fri May 30				
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C				
Sat May 31	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun June 1	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		Private Intention

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

PARISH GARDEN PARTY
SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2025
ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH AFTER
MASS
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
LIVE MUSIC, WINE, SOFT DRINK

John 14:23-29 Fr Adrian Graffy

As in last week's gospel, we read this Sunday from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, the so-called 'farewell discourse'. The theme of 'love' emerges again, not the love of one disciple for another, but the disciple's love for Jesus. Love for Jesus brings down the love of the Father. This love is shown by 'keeping the word' of Jesus, and keeping the word of Jesus is keeping the word of the Father who sent him. Jesus draws us into intimacy with the Father. What was stated in the very first chapter of the gospel is explained that the only begotten Son has made the unseen God known (1:18).

Fidelity to the word of Christ is not easy. Aware that the disciples will need assistance to recall and practise his word, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit 'will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said'. To live as Christians requires this remembering of all that Jesus said and did, but also openness to the new insights provided by the Spirit, who is constantly active in the Church. The Spirit is given the name 'Advocate', in Greek *parakletos*, which means one who is 'called alongside', one who is called to assist. John alone uses this term for the action of the Spirit.

The final verses speak of 'peace', the peace that the world cannot give. The departure of Jesus to the Father 'who is greater than I' should not undermine the peace of the disciples, for they already know the Father's closeness through Jesus.

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.

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

GLOBAL CHURCH PETITION. CAFOD and Caritas are campaigning for action on the debt crisis in this Jubilee Year. The Petition is available to sign online at cafod.org.uk/debtpetition Thank you to those who have already signed.

Save the date: Wednesday 9 July.

CAFOD will join other organisations across the UK to take part in a mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 9 July in London.

The message CAFOD supporters will deliver to MPs is the need for action on debt and climate within this jubilee year.

The J&P Quiz night Sat 7th June - save the date! - A family event at St Francis de Sales Church Hall that will include a delicious 2 course meal, questions designed for all ages and a raffle. (Donations of bottles / Chocolate/ Pamper Items for the raffle will be gratefully received - please put them in the J&P Box in the porch of the Church Hall). Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. Doors will open at 6.45pm with eyes down at 7.15pm.

MAY - THE MONTH OF OUR LADY: a specific month when devotions are made in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Over time, many Western cultures came to view May as a month of life and motherhood, but it was not until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary and various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread in this month. In 1945, Pope Pius XII decreed May as a Marian month when he established the feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31st May. After Vatican II, this feast was moved to 22nd August, but 31st May became instead the feast of the Visitation of Mary. Come and join us for the **Rosary** after Thursday morning Mass.

Perhaps God is also calling you to become a Catholic. If you are interested in exploring the Catholic Faith as well as adult Catholics seeking Confirmation you are invited to speak with our priests or contact the parish office or email Francis <fjcon@btinternet.com> We will be running the next RCIA courses starting in September.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK: 24th - 31st May: 10 years ago, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si'*, setting out a bold vision for our common home. *Laudato Si'* Week unites thousands of people worldwide with a common goal: the protection of Creation. For more information, please go to: www.laudatosiweek.org.

West Berkshire Pastoral Area
St. Francis de Sales, Wash
Common/Our Lady of Lourdes
Hungerford.

DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
Sat 24 th /Sun 25 th May 6 th Easter	Mass Anniversaries Blessings	0900	1800/1100
Thursday 29 th May Ascension of the Lord	Mass	1000	1200, 1930
Sat 31 st May/Sun 1 st June 7 th Easter	Mass World Communication Day	0900	1800/1100
Tuesday 3 rd June	Mass in Latin Pastoral Council		1900 1930
Saturday 7 th June	J&P Quiz night with speaker from West Berks Homeless and supported by Youth Group		1900
Sat 7 th /Sun 8 th June Pentecost Sunday	Mass J&P Cake Stall	0900	1800/1100 1200
Sunday 8 th June	YOUTH at St. Cassians Kintbury 1300 – 1500 Theme FRIENDSHIP Bring packed lunch		
Tuesday 10 th June	Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Josephs with Bishop Philip at 7.0pm		
Saturday 14 th June First Holy Communion	Mass		1100
Sat 14 th /Sun 15 th June Holy Trinity	Mass Father's Day	0900	1800/1100
Sat 21 st /Sun 22 nd June Corpus Christi	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Sat 28 th /Sun 29 th June 10 th Ordinary St. Peter & St. Paul	Mass Anniversaries Blessings Parish Summer Picnic	0900	1800/1100 1200
Tuesday 1 st July	Mass in Latin		1900
Sat 5 th /Sun 6 th July 14 th Ordinary	Mass African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Sat 12 th /Sun 13 th July 15 th Ordinary	Mass J&P Cake Stall	0900	1800/1100 1200
Friday 18 th July	Youth Group Summer BBQ		1800 - 2000
Sat 19 th /Sun 20 th July 16 th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Sat 26 th /Sun 27 th July 17 th Ordinary	Mass Anniversaries Blessings World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly	0900	1800/1100