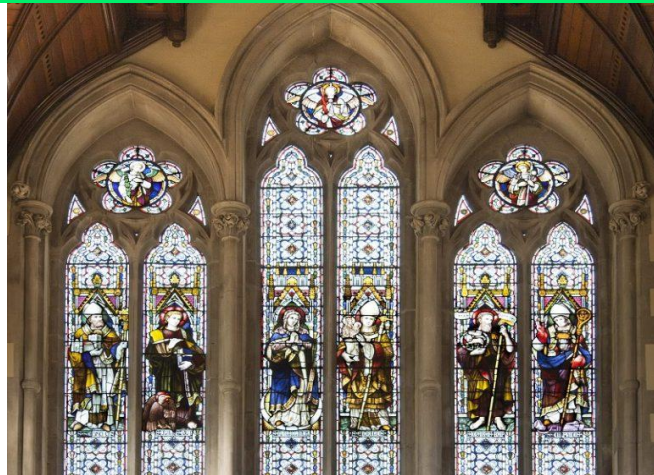


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes				
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat July 12	6:00pm	St F	MASS	The People of the Parish
Sun July 13	09:00 am	OLOL		Geraldine Dyson RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Private Intention
Mon July 14				
Tues July 15	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS St Swithun, Bishop	
Wed July 16	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	Cynthia Gingell RIP
Thurs July 17	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation St Bonaventure, Religious	
Fri July 18				
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
Sat July 19	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun July 20	09:00 am	OLOL		Cynthia Gingell RIP
	11:00 am	St F		

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. 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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
 Geoffrey Keenan.

Luke 10:25-37 Fr Adrian Graffy

One of the extraordinary features of the Gospel according to Luke is the presence of parables of Jesus only found in this gospel. The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of these. The parable is provoked by the question of the 'lawyer', an expert in the Jewish Law. The summary of the Law that he offers Jesus is the same as the reply Jesus himself gives in other gospels. There is a profound agreement between Jesus and the experts on the Law.

To the lawyer's further question, 'And who is my neighbour?', Jesus replies not by entering a dialogue about who and who is not a neighbour. For Jesus all people are to be treated as neighbours. Instead, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate how to behave as a neighbour to others. The painstaking compassion of the Samaritan for an unknown victim of violence in a hostile environment provides an example for all followers of Jesus.

In this story Jesus sets up as an example a Samaritan, one who belongs to a despised and hated race, considered heretical by the Jews, and contrasts him with two heartless religious professionals. The Samaritan, with his Christ-like behavior, challenges every Christian.

Am I willing to learn from the example of those who are despised?

What do the words 'Go and do the same yourself' ask of me today?

Pray for those involved in bringing assistance to the victims of violence, terrorism and war.

Pray for harmony among people of different religious beliefs.

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.

Would you like to become an Altar Server?

It's that time of year again when we welcome a new group of Altar Servers to the team. If you've made your First Holy Communion, whether recently or not, then I would like to invite you to become an Altar Server. If you are interested, please contact Andrew email andrewpolland@gmail.com by 14th September.

First Holy Communion 2026

We are now starting the early preparations for next year's First Holy Communion Programme and would like to welcome registrations for the course. The course will likely start in October 2025 with the usual age for receiving the Sacrament for the first time being eight years of age or above (children in Year 3 to 6). If you would like your child to be included, please register your interest at the following link: <https://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/news/fIRST-holy-communion-2026>

We will then contact you directly with more information nearer the time.

Could you help?

We're on the lookout for a few extra volunteers to help with our First Holy Communion team. You don't need to be an expert—whether you'd like to help lead sessions, support others, or just lend a hand getting the kids involved in services, we'd love to have you. It's a great way to support the children in our parish as they take a big step in their faith journey. If you're interested in helping, please contact Andrew at fhc3.newbf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 26th July: Jubilee Year Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage. The walk will start at Holy Brook Linear Park RG31 7ZU at 10.00am, walking to St. James & St William of York Church, Forbury Rd, Reading for Mass at 1pm - preceded by Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 12.30pm. The walk will be led by Tony Vickers, currently the Chairman of West Berkshire Council. Afterwards, pilgrims will picnic in the park and visit nearby Reading Abbey where the last abbot, Blessed Hugh Faringdon was martyred. Speak to Tony Vickers <tonyvickers@phonecoop.coop> 07413 480080 to confirm your attendance.

West Berkshire Pastoral Area
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DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
Sat 12th /Sun 13th July 15th Ordinary	Mass J&P Cake Stall	0900	1800/1100 1200
Friday 18th July	Youth Group Summer BBQ		1800 - 2000
Sat 19th/Sun 20th July 16th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Sat 26th/Sun 27th July 17th Ordinary	Mass Anniversaries Blessings World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly	0900	1800/1100
Sat 2nd/Sun 3rd Aug 18th Ordinary	Mass African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Tuesday 5th Aug	Mass in Latin		1900
Sat 9th/Sun 10th Aug 19th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Friday 15th August Assumption of BVM	Mass	1000	1200, 1930
Sat 16th/Sun 17th Aug 20th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Sat 23rd/Sun 24th Aug 21st Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Sat 30th/Sun 31st Aug 22nd Ordinary	Mass Anniversaries Blessings	0900	1800/1100
Tuesday 2nd Sept	Mass in Latin		1900
Sat 6th/Sun 7th Sept. 23rd Ordinary	Mass African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Tuesday 9th September	Pastoral Council		1930
Sat 13th/Sun 14th Sept. Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Mass J&P Food System, walk & picnic	0900	1800/1100 1230