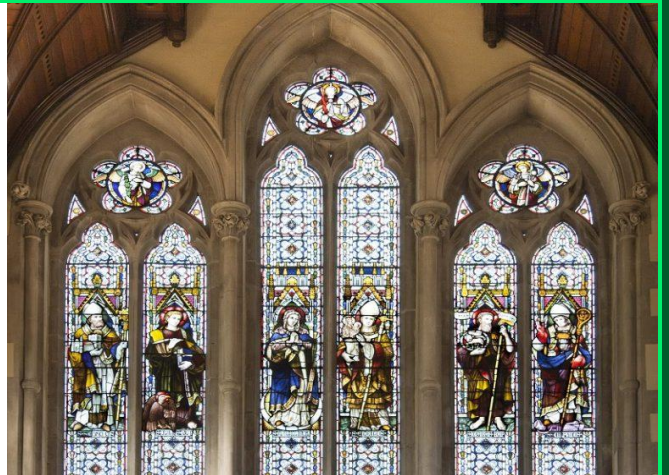


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes				
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Aug 2	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Aug 3	09:00 am	OLOL		Chrissy Hearn RIP
	11:00 am 1.00 pm	St F St F		The People of the Parish
			AFRICAN MASS	
Mon Aug 4			St John Vianney, Priest	Josie & Tim O' Sullivan RIP
Tues Aug 5	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	NO MASS	
Wed Aug 6	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	NO MASS THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	
Thurs Aug 7	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	NO MASS	
Fri Aug 8			St Dominic, Founder	
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
Sat Aug 9	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Colin & Irene Mullins RIP
Sun Aug 10	09:00 am	OLOL		Geraldine Dyson RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish

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 Order or Claim Gift Aid please contact the
 Parish Office

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
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Luke 12:13-21 Fr Adrian Graffy

One of this evangelist's major interests is the teaching of Jesus about riches and poverty. The parable of the rich fool, which illustrates the corrupting influence and foolishness of wealth, is found only in the Gospel of Luke. It is provoked by the question of a man who is anxious to get his hands on his inheritance.

The warning of Jesus is against 'avarice'. The Greek word *pleonexia* means literally the craving for more. Possessions do not guarantee life. In the parable the rich man has no consideration for the needs of others, even though he has more than he could ever need. This parable recalls Jesus' words earlier in the gospel, when he declared the poor blessed, and the rich cursed (Luke 6).

God calls the rich man 'Fool!' reminding us that the gospel is the ultimate answer to the human search for wisdom. Rejection of it is rejection of the true path to God and to life. Fulness of life comes not from possessions, which are, in the words of Ecclesiastes, 'vanity of vanities', but from the discovery of the trustworthy God of the poor.

The lesson in each of today's Scripture readings is of enormous relevance to the world of today, both developed and developing, in which desperate poverty is so often found alongside extraordinary wastefulness and extravagance. In the reading from the Letter to the Colossians St Paul describes greed as 'worshipping a false god'. Do I allow craving for more to control my life or my decisions?

In what sense do those who ask always receive? We pray for those who are trapped by their own addictions and desires.

We pray for the gift of true freedom.

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office

Please pray for 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, John Huckle and Sienna Bishop 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.

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

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope - Parish of the Sacred Heart Newbury

On Saturday 26th July the new parish of The Sacred Heart Newbury (in formation) organised an Ecumenical Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope to St. James's Church Reading. The pilgrimage was led by a parishioner, Dr. Tony Vickers, currently the Chair of West Berkshire Council and joined by Dr. Alice Mpofo-Coles the mayor of Reading.

The pilgrims accompanied by Fr's Zbigniew Budyn and Michael Fava CBE walked some four miles along the Holy Brook to St. James's Church and were welcomed by the parish priest, Fr. Chris Heap and the St. James's welcoming party. Before Mass at 1.00pm there was the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and afterwards we visited the nearby ruins of Reading Abbey where Blessed Hugh Faringdon, the last abbot of the abbey was martyred in 1539. We then were able to picknick in the nearby Forbury Park.

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 age for receiving the Sacrament being eight years of age or above (children in Year 3 to 6). please register your interest at the following link: <https://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/news/first-holy-communion-2026>

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DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
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
Sat 20th/Sun 21st September 25th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Thursday 25th September	RCIA – Journey in Faith. Initial meeting		1930
Sat 27th/Sun 28th Sept. 26th Ordinary	Mass Anniversaries Blessings	0900	1800/1100
Sat 4th/Sun 5th October 27th Ordinary	Mass African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Sunday 5th October	J&P Cake Stall, Harvest Festival Lunch CAFOD Collection		1200
Tuesday 7th October	Mass in Latin		1900
Sat 11th/Sun 12th Oct. 28th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Tuesday 11th November	Pastoral Council		1930
Sat/Sun 22/23rd Nov.	J&P Christmas Fayre		
Sunday 25th January 2026	Annual Parish Meeting		1200