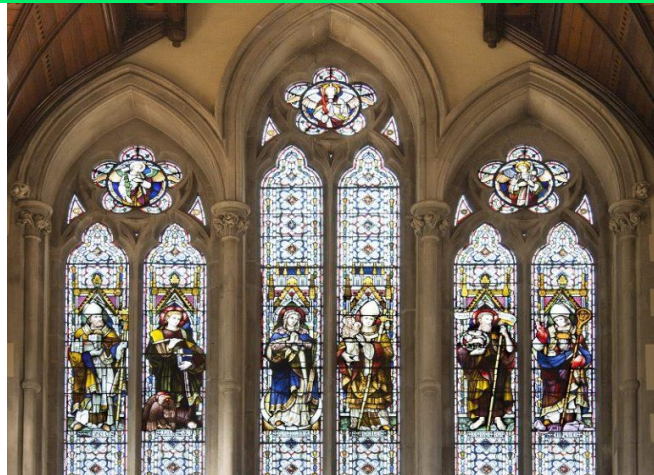


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes				
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Aug 9	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Colin & Irene Mullins RIP
Sun Aug 10	09:00 am	OLOL		Geraldine Dyson RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish
Mon Aug 11			St Clare, Foundress	
Tues Aug 12	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	NO MASS	
Wed Aug 13	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	NO MASS	
Thurs Aug 14	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	NO MASS St Maximillian Maria Kolbe, Religious	
Fri Aug 15	10:00 am - 10:30 am 12:00 12:30 pm 07:30 pm 8:00 pm	OLOL St F St F	MASS THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity	Geraldine Dyson RIP
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
Sat Aug 16	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Joaquim Paul De Souza RIP
Sun Aug 17	09:00 am	OLOL		Geraldine Dyson RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish

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Luke 12:32-48 Fr Adrian Gaffy

The passage here is the shorter version of the gospel reading. is generally to be found towards the end of the gospel story. This is clearly so in the gospels of Mark (chapter 13) and Matthew (chapters 24 and 25). In Matthew's gospel the parable of the wise and foolish virgins describes the readiness of the wise virgins, who have brought oil with their lamps, to welcome the bridegroom. Here in Luke Jesus is still journeying to Jerusalem when he encourages all disciples to be ready with their lamps lit to welcome the return of the master from the wedding feast. The disciple-servant must be ready for the return of the master, who will come and knock at the door. Such servants are declared blessed, but, in a surprising reversal, it is the master who puts on an apron and waits on the servants. This recalls the story of the washing of the feet of the disciples by Jesus in John's gospel (chapter 13).

Jesus is described as the servant throughout the gospels. In Luke's gospel he says to the disciples at the Last Supper: 'Yet here am I among you as one who serves!' (Luke 22:27).

The theme of constant readiness is developed by reference to the watches of the night. The second watch is from 9 p.m. until midnight, and the third watch from midnight until 3 a.m. The lateness of the hour underlines the sacrifice required of the servant in staying alert to welcome the master. A further short parable follows: the idea of a house being plundered once again encourages watchfulness.

The reading from the Book of Wisdom describes how the Israelites waited for deliverance on the night of the Passover. Christians have already experienced the saving death and resurrection of the Lord. Now we await his return.

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

Saturday 6th September: Diocesan Formation Day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy. This has been rescheduled from Saturday 7th June. Please register your interest by emailing liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. There will also be a Readers' Day on Saturday 18th October. Further details for both dates to follow.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

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. Please contact Andrew

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. 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

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>

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

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DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
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