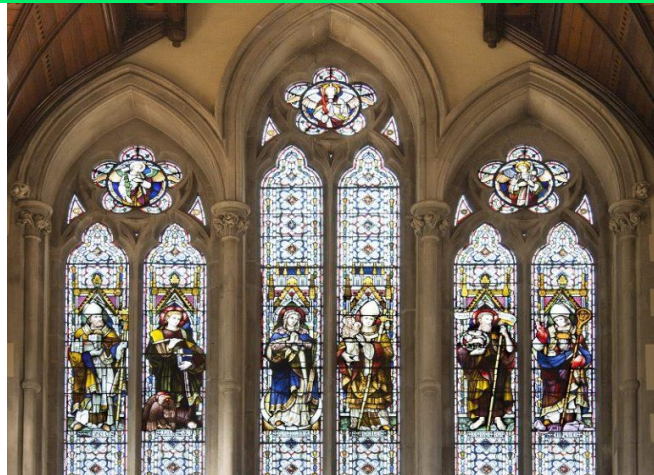


St Francis de Sales Church
 Warren Lodge, Warren Road, Wash Common,
 Newbury RG14 6NH
 Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,
 Hungerford, RG17 0AF
 Web Site: www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk
 Registered Charity Number 246871
 Parish Priest: Revd Zbigniew Budyn
 telephone: 01635 40332
 Email:
washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes				
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Aug 23	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Aug 24	09:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Aug 25				
Tues Aug 26	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Wed Aug 27	9:30 am 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Thurs Aug 28	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop	
Fri Aug 29			The Passion of St John the Baptist	
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
Sat Aug 30	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	The People of the Parish
Sun Aug 31	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

Please help us to continue God's work by
 supporting us financially Lloyds Bank 30 93 04
 a/c number 00882993 CDP Newbury StFrancis
 de Sales Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name

If you would like to set up a new Standing
 Order or Claim Gift Aid, please contact the
 Parish Office

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

Please note there are no refreshments in the
 Hall after Sunday Mass during August.

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

Luke 13:22-30 Fr Adrian Graffy

This gospel reading combines two themes: the difficulty of entering the kingdom of God, and the arrival of people from every corner of the earth. Will it be easy to enter the kingdom? No! Can we determine beforehand who will enter the kingdom? No!

The gospel begins with a tricky theological question posed to Jesus. Will there be only a few saved? Jesus does not give a direct answer. It is not for us to know such things. It is for each one to strive for the kingdom, realising that there is nothing of greater importance.

Jesus then speaks of the danger of presuming to be saved. Those who do so may find themselves barred from the kingdom. There is a clear implication here that simply to have heard and known about Jesus is not enough. The patriarchs and prophets of God's faithful people will be admitted, together with all those people from north, south, east and west who have responded to the call of God. The call does not guarantee salvation. Whether we are Jew or Gentile, it is our response that matters.

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.

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, 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.

Catherine Keegan RIP

The funeral for Catherine will be at St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington at **12:30 pm on Thursday 4th September**

Youth Group open to children Year 4 and above.

Youth Group has spaces on its session at the Waterside Centre on Friday 12th September doing water activities of canoeing, paddle boarding from 6-7pm.

The cost is £10.00 per child

Interested in joining us contact Ann Haynes, email: annhaynes07@hotmail.co.uk

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 are looking for 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 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 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 at the following link: <https://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/news/first-holy-communion-2026>

INVITATION 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 [<fjcon@btinternet.com>](mailto:fjcon@btinternet.com) The next RCIA courses starts with the first meeting at St. Francis de Sales on Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm and all will be welcome.

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

DATE	DAY	OLOL	St.F
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	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