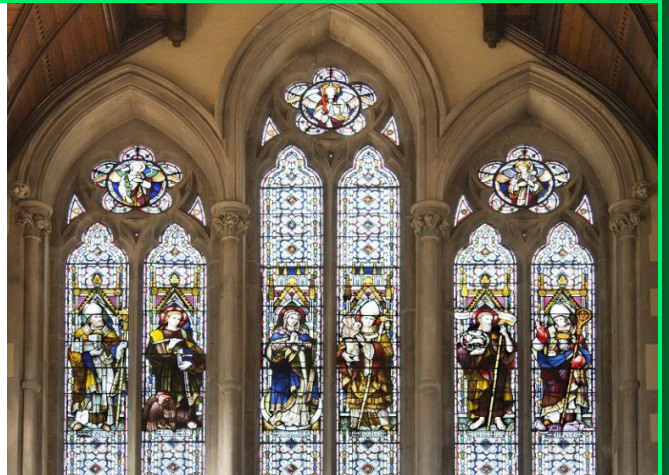


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes				
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Aug 30	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Aug 31	09:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		Catherine Keegan RIP from The Catenian Brothers
Mon Sept 1				
Tues Sept 2	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation LATIN MASS	Cristina O' Sullivan RIP
Wed Sept 3	9:30 am 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope	Crissy Hearn RIP
Thurs Sept 4	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	Bernadette Wilkie RIP
Fri Sept 5			The Passion of St John the Baptist	
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C				
Sat Sept 6	6:00 pm	St F	MASS AFRICAN MASS	Martin & Maura O' Neil RIP
Sun Sept 7	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		God's blessing for Helen because of her Birthday
	1:00 pm	St F		

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

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

Luke 14:1,7-14

This gospel illustrates how Jesus, as an astute teacher, used the situations in which he found himself to challenge people. In this case his teaching is about the right attitude to have as a guest, and as a host. It is not surprising that the Old Testament reading chosen to reflect the gospel is from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, one of the so-called Wisdom books. These books do not hesitate to give direct advice about the way to behave properly. The reading from Ecclesiasticus today is about humility.

Jesus takes up the traditions of the Jewish teachers of wisdom. So, what is new about his teaching here? He brings with him the traditional teaching and confirms it, but he also lives it, not simply by his own everyday behaviour, but by going to the lowest place in accepting his martyrdom on the cross. These apparently mundane teachings, which are set during his journey to Jerusalem to face death, remind us of his willingness to be the servant of all and to give up his life. As he makes his way to Jerusalem the servant Jesus teaches us how to be truly servants, and the humble Jesus teaches us how to be truly humble. For the Christian there is nothing too mundane, no activity which cannot benefit from the light of faith. For the Christian there is no person who does not deserve the gift of our hospitality, the gift of our love.

Please pray for Lily Brooke, Christopher & Robert Brown, Tim Burke-Gaffney, Lucy Curtis, Mary Dykes, Chris Dykes, Emma Dykes, 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.

Clare Aldridge RIP

The Funeral for Claire will be at West Berks Crematorium at **12 Noon Friday 19th September.**

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> 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.

LET'S FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM.

Tony and Martha Vickers will be leading a short local walk after Mass on Sunday September 14th. This will be accompanied with discussion and prayers on how to fix our broken global food system. See one of us if you have any questions.

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

DATE	DAY	LOL	St.F
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