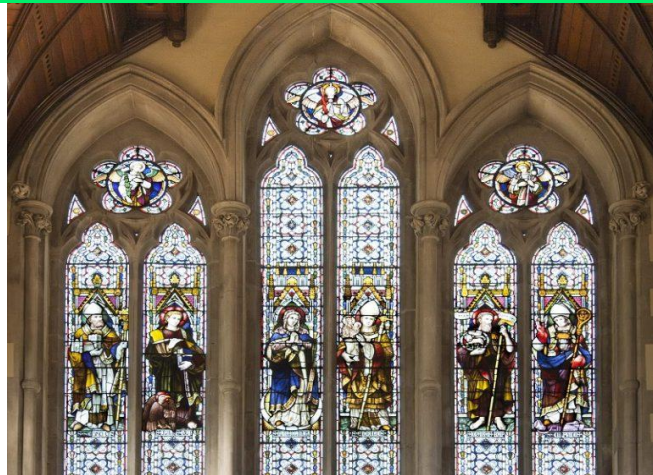


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Sept 13	5:15 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Trevor Booth RIP
Sun Sept 14	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	Phyllis & George Gill RIP
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	Martin O'Neil RIP
Mon Sept 15				
Tues Sept 16	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	Anne Palmer RIP
Wed Sept 17	9:30 am 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	Cynthia Gingell RIP
Thurs Sept 18	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	Private Intention
Fri Sept 19				

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Sat Sept 20	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Chrissy Hearn RIP
Sun Sept 21	09:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		Lily Coutinho RIP

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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

PARISH HARVEST CELEBRATION

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS FOLLOWED
 BY THE PARISH SHARED INTERNATIONAL
 LUNCH SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH
 PLEASE BRING TRADITIONAL DISHES TO
 CONTRIBUTE TO THE LUNCH**

John 3:13-17 Deacon Tony Darroch

We are often reminded that God does things differently to man. There are examples of this in both the Old and the New Testaments. For example, when the prophet Samuel was sent to Jesse's home to select one of his sons to succeed Saul as king, it wasn't the eldest warrior son chosen but the young musical shepherd who God anointed as the next king of Israel [1Samuel 16]. Likewise, at the time of Jesus, the Jewish leaders were hoping for a Messiah who would overthrow the Roman occupiers; instead, Jesus came speaking of peace, love and forgiveness.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us that no-one, but He has ever ascended into heaven. He then goes on to remind his audience that just as Moses lifted the serpent, so too would He be lifted up. Just as the people in the wilderness were given another chance to repent and seek forgiveness; so too would those who follow Jesus. Instead of a serpent, we would be given the Cross. The Jewish leaders at the time of Jesus saw the cross as the ultimate symbol of humiliation for Jesus. But remember God sees things differently to mankind, the serpent who killed was turned into an image which could save, **the Cross of death and humiliation exchanged for the symbol of eternal salvation.** But these gifts from God only apply when we have faith in the promises made in relation to them.

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, Sean Early, Tony Lavers, John Huckle and Eveleen Softley who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

Sandy Snook RIP. Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Sandy who died last Monday.

Clare Aldridge RIP

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

Saturday 4th October. Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Blessing of Animals in parish garden at 1200 noon. The blessing of animals is a tradition honouring St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of animals and the environment. Please come with your pets for this blessing.

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.

Catholic Education Service Second Collection 2025 Sunday 14th of September

The Catholic Education Service represents the Bishops' interests in shaping education policy across the 2,169 Catholic schools, colleges, academies, and universities overseen by the Catholic Church in England and Wales. It works in partnership with the UK and Welsh Governments, as well as other national organizations, to protect and advance Catholic education.

One of the Diocese of Portsmouth's priorities is working with children and young adults. We serve by providing places of education, university chaplaincy, parish youth ministry and opportunities for social action. There are 69 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth providing education and faith formation to 30,799 pupils.

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

Tuesday 9 th September	Pastoral Council		1930
Sat 13 th /Sun 14 th Sept. Exaltation of the Holy Cross Education Sunday	Mass J&P Food System, walk & picnic	0900	1800/1100 1230
Sat 20 th /Sun 21 st September 25 th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Thursday 25 th September	RCIA – Journey in Faith. Initial meeting		1930
Sat 27 th /Sun 28 th Sept. 26 th Ordinary	Mass Anniversaries Blessings	0900	1800/1100
Sat 4 th October St. Francis of Assisi	Blessing of the Animals		1200
Sat 4 th /Sun 5 th October 27 th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Sunday 5 th October	CAFOD Collection Harvest Festival Lunch		1200
Tuesday 7 th October	Mass in Latin		1900
Thursday 9 th October	RCIA – Journey in Faith. Meeting 2		1930
Sat 11 th /Sun 12 th Oct. 28 th Ordinary	Mass African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Sat 18 th /Sun 19 th Oct 29 th Ordinary Mission Sunday	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Thursday 23 rd October	RCIA-Journey in Faith Meeting 3		1930
Sat 25 th /Sun 26 th Oct 30 th Ordinary	Mass Anniversaries Blessings	0900	1800/1100
Sat 1 st /Sun 2 nd November All Saints	Mass African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Monday 3 rd November All Souls	Mass Blessing of graves Hungerford (note 2)	1000	1900
Tuesday 4 th November	Mass in Latin		1900
Thursday 6 th November	Mass Blessing of graves on site and at Acorn Ridge RCIA – Journey in Faith - meeting 4		0930 1030 1930