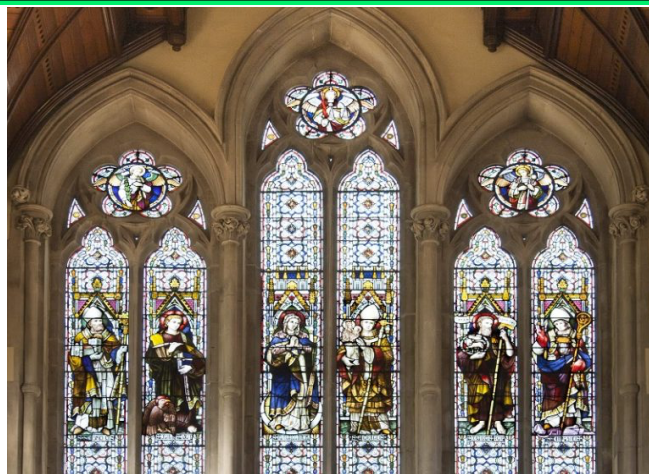


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Sept 6	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Martin & Maura O' Neil RIP
Sun Sept 7	09:00 am	OLOL	African Mass	The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		Private Intention
	1:00 pm	St F		
Mon Sept 8	10:00 am 7:00 pm	OLOL St F	MASS THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast	
Tues Sept 9	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Wed Sept 10	9:30 am 10:00 am	OLOL	NO MASS	
Thurs Sept 11	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	Eduardo Sammartino RIP
Fri Sept 12				
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - YEAR C				
Sat Sept 13	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Trevor Booth RIP
Sun Sept 14	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Martin O'Neil 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

Luke 14:25-33

The start of this gospel reading should remind us that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. Luke tells us that many people were willing to follow him. His journey from Galilee to Jerusalem began in chapter 9. It is a journey to face the cross and is filled with teaching for those who are willing to take up their crosses as disciples of Jesus. Once again Jesus uses the stark language of the prophets. To hate one's closest relatives should not be interpreted literally, but in the sense of preferring nothing and nobody to following Jesus. The second section of the gospel concerns prudence. Jesus tells two short parables, about the man building the tower, and another about a king going to war. Discipleship involves both the heart and the mind. We need to count the cost of discipleship. There is an apparent contradiction here for the passage ends with another radical statement of Jesus: 'None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' Each person must calculate the cost and give what God inspires through heart and mind. God does not demand what is impossible for a person to give. Detachment is the key. The first reading praises the gift of Wisdom, which comes from God. Jesus is this true Wisdom, who guides, inspires and challenges us on the road to the fullness of life.

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, John Huckle and Eveleen Softley 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.

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
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

Monday 8th September Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at OLOL at 1000 and at St. F de Sales at 1900 preceded by adoration from 1830

Tuesday 9th September

Pastoral Council meeting proceeded by Mass at 1900

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.

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.

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.

West Berkshire Pastoral Area

**St. Francis de Sales, Wash
Common/Our Lady of Lourdes
Hungerford.**

Sat 6 th /Sun 7 th Sept. 23rd Ordinary	Mass African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Monday 8 th September Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass	1000	1900
Tuesday 9th 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 25th 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 Animals		1200
Sat 4 th /Sun 5 th October 27 th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Sunday 5th October	CAFOD Collection Harvest Festival Lunch		1200
Tuesday 7 th October	Mass in Latin		1900
Thursday 9th 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 23rd 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