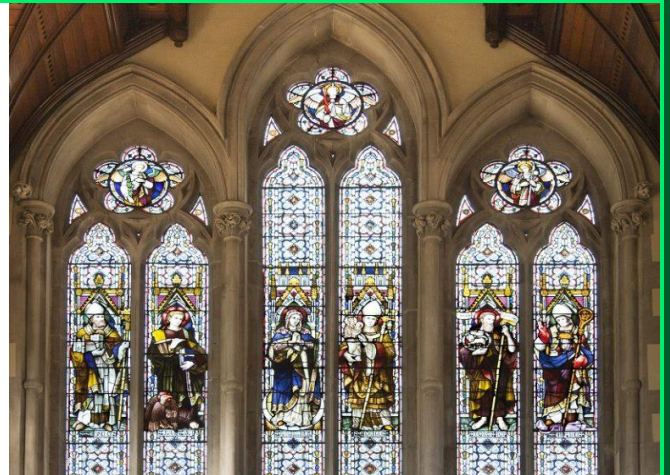


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Oct 25	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	
Sun Oct 26	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	Christopher Flynn RIP
Mon Oct 27				
Tues Oct 28	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles	
Wed Oct 29	9:30 am 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Thurs Oct 30	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	NO MASS	
Fri Nov 1				
ALL SAINTS - YEAR C				
Sat Nov 3	5.15 pm 6:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	
Sun Nov 4	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	Josee O'Sullivan RIP
	1:00 pm	St F	African Mass	

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 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
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 Mass, they **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Luke 18:9-14

This is another of those wonderful parables which are only recorded in the Gospel of Luke. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector, rather like the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, describes a stark contrast. Jesus gives a caricature of a Pharisee who is inordinately proud of his achievements, one who completes all that the Law requires, and far more besides. Jesus describes the Pharisee as praying 'to himself'. This could simply mean that he was praying softly, but it seems also to suggest that the prayers of this man can never reach God. They are simply an expression of his pride and self-obsession, which is accompanied by a judgemental attitude to others. We should be careful not to extend this negative portrayal of one Pharisee to all Pharisees, as has often been done in interpreting the gospels, for many members of this religious group were exemplary in their attitudes and conduct. The tax collector recognises his need of forgiveness. The gospels are full of references to tax-collectors, who were often dishonest, and sought the company of Jesus along with other 'sinners' (as in Luke 15:1). This man is deeply conscious of his need for God. He stands far off because he recognises that the God of holiness is to be found in the Temple, and he feels unworthy to come closer. He is a man of genuine faith, and he beats his breast in an honest expression of his need. 'Justification', being 'at rights with God', is not a result of our own efforts to accumulate good deeds but comes as a free gift to those who acknowledge their sinfulness and believe in the forgiveness Christ offers.

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.

22nd & 23rd November - Save the date for the J&P Christmas Fayre.

Please save the date for the J&P Christmas Fayre which will be held in the St Francis de Sales Church hall after 6pm mass on Sat 22nd Nov and 11am Mass on Sunday 23rd Nov. Donations of chocolate, bottles, wrapped sweets and small good as new gifts for children would be gratefully received. (Please place in the J&P box next to the food bank hamper in the Church Hall).

Bamenda Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday of November we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continue to run its parishes, provide education and health services, and support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew, Archbishop of Bamenda, acknowledged that our diocese support does not only provide practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times.

Pope Leo XIV has released the first document of his pontificate, an **Apostolic Exhortation** called **Dilexi te** - 'I have loved you' (Revelations 3:9). Underpinned by Scripture, Catholic social teaching and the teaching of his predecessors, **Dilexi te** focuses on the Church's love for the poor and God's special concern for those living in poverty. It affirms the ways in which the magisterium should inform our pastoral practice in accompanying the poor and vulnerable to serve the common good. He writes, "I desire that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor... I consider it essential to insist on this path."

Assisted Suicide - Right To Life UK has launched a new EasyAction tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. Please take action visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter

West Berkshire Pastoral Area

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

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
Sat 8 th /Sun 9 th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday	Mass 1100 Mass – 2 minutes silence and The Remembrance Blessing of graves – Shaw Cemetery	0900	1800/1100 1500
Tuesday 11 th November	Pastoral Council		1930
Sat 15 th / Sun 16 th Nov. 33 rd Ordinary World Day of the poor	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Thursday 20 th November	RCIA – Journey in Faith 5 th meeting		1930
Sat/Sun 22/23 rd Nov. Christ King of the Universe	Mass J&P Christmas Fayre	0900	1800/1100