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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Jan 31	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Cecilia Smith RIP
Sun Feb 1	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	Edward Willmott RIP
	11:00 am 1:00 pm	St F St F	MASS AFRICAN MASS	Private Intention
Mon Feb 2	10:00 am 7:00 PM	OLOL St F	MASS MASS THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Christina O' Sullivan RIP
Tues Feb 3	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	LATIN MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
Wed Feb 4	9:30 am	OLOL	NO MASS	
Thurs Feb 5	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation St Agatha, Virgin	
Fri Feb 6			St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Feb 7	5.15 pm 6:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Michael Boyle RIP
Sun Feb 8	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	

The Popes Intention
February

For children with incurable diseases
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 incurable diseases and their families receive
 the necessary medical care and support, never
 losing strength and hope.

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Matthew 5:1-12a Mgr Vincent Harvey

Eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing. The first and the last knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Matthew concentrates on the spiritual attitudes required of the Christian: 'poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living it. For most of them there are gospel incidents in which Jesus sums them up, like the entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king, or the love he shows in his welcome to sinners, or his bringing peace to those tortured by disease or contempt, or his purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will, and finally his acceptance of persecution for what he knew to be right. The beatitudes are, in a sense, a summary of the gospel, of the model of life proposed to the disciple who wants to imitate the Master, 'meek and humble' in heart.

For each of the Beatitudes in today's reading, do you know someone who exemplifies the attitudes expressed? Can one recognise a 'beatitude-living' person? How? What are the 'tell-tell signs? Are the beatitudes realistic? Which is your own favourite beatitude? Why? In what way are such people 'blessed' (whole, complete, God-reliant)?

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, Eveleen Softley and Fr Pat who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - formerly Women's World Day of Prayer - will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 105, London Road, Newbury on Friday 6th March at 11.00. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME. The theme for this year is I Will Give You Rest: Come and has been written by Christian women in Nigeria. All are welcome.

Lift to Sunday Mass. Cecily, a elderly and previously very active parishioner now living in the Falkland Care Home would like a lift to our 11.00 Sunday Mass. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

Thursday 5th. February 7.30pm Tenth meeting of the RCIA, Journey in Faith programme in the Parish Hall. This meeting will be led by Dr. Chris Carlon and will look at the **Catholic Church's Teachings**

Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme. 10.00am - 4.30 pm. Bring own lunch, suggested contribution £20: Saturday 14 February **Wider Horizons of the Spirit (II):** Douai Abbey 10.00 - 4.30pm. Encounters of a 1980s Indian Journey - led by Peter Bowe OSB (A Repeated Workshop). From a year in India in 1983, with Bede Griffiths at Shantivanam & on extensive journeys, questions arise for our Christian & spiritual journey today. How does Christ relate to Hinduism and Buddhism? Can we encounter him in other faiths? How to live by faith, Christian & otherwise, in a secular world?

Saturday 21 February. Gospel of Matthew - read on Lent Sundays - led by Fr Gervase Holdaway 10.30-4pm. We shall examine the Lent Gospel passages from Matthew, especially those connecting with the Rite of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Saturday 28 February **Fruits of Medjugorje:** Lent Reflection - facilitated by Susan Smith & Br Christopher Greener. Come to hear the history of Medjugorje and the messages of our Lady, testimonies of love and grace. Hear music of the Croatian Mass, pray the rosary, come to confession, celebrate Mass followed by Adoration. Invite friends to come & taste the fruits.

Saturday 7 March **Reflection: Cave - Refectory - Road.** A gentle, contemplative day - led by Barbara Priest - exploring our Lenten pilgrimage and its 3 monastic elements: the solitude of our cave, the hospitality of our table, and our journey of faith.

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

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Normal Week-end liturgy - Saturday Vigil

Mass St. F 1800 Adoration/**Reconciliation**

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Sunday Mass OLOL 0900 St. F 1100

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Saturday 31st January	First Reconciliation at 1100		
Sat 31 st Jan/1 st Feb 4 th Ordinary	Mass Anniversaries Blessings African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1300
Monday 2 nd February The Presentation of The Lord	Mass	1000	1900
Tuesday 3 rd February	Mass in Latin		1900
Thursday 5 th February	RCIA – Journey in Faith meeting 10		1930
Sat 7 th /Sun 8 th Feb 5 th Ordinary	Mass First Holy Communion – Lesson 7	0900	1800/1100 1200
Sat 14 th /Sun 15 th Feb 6 th Ordinary	Mass	0900	1800/1100