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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Feb 14	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Michael Boyle RIP
Sun Feb 15	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	David Hearn Anniversary Blessing
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	Eudes Coutinho RIP
Mon Feb 16	10:00 am	OLOL		
Tues Feb 17	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Wed Feb 18	10:00 am 7:00 pm	OLOL St F	MASS MASS ASH WEDNESDAY	
Thurs Feb 19	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Feb 20	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	MASS Station of the Cross and Reconciliation	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

Sat Feb 21	5.15 pm 6:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Jane & Robin Horscroft RIP
Sun Feb 22	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	Tony & Jose O' Sullivan RIP

**The Popes Intention
February**

For children with incurable diseases
 Let us pray that children suffering from
 incurable diseases and their families receive
 the necessary medical care and support, never
 losing strength and hope

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

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Matthew 5:17-37 Fr Adrian Graffy

We continue reading from the first great speech of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, the Sermon on the Mount. Today's reading is very long, so that only the first few verses are given here. You are invited to read the rest in your Bible.

Jesus teaches that the 'Law and the Prophets', by which he means the scriptural tradition of Jewish faith, are to be cherished. Nevertheless, these traditions are to be 'completed' or 'fulfilled'. The fulfilment brought by Jesus can be new and unexpected.

Having challenged the inadequate 'virtue' or 'righteousness' of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus presents a new way. He gives six examples of how his teaching deepens the traditional teaching of the Jews. These pieces of teaching are sometimes described as 'antitheses'. In them Jesus quotes the Jewish tradition and goes on to challenge it with the words 'But I say this to you!' The first challenge makes more radical the commandment 'You must not kill'. For those called by Christ there are deeper demands. To hurl anger and insults at another is not the behavior of a Christian. In the following verses Jesus will offer radical new understandings of other tenets of the Law. To hate one's enemy may have been considered acceptable in the tradition, but in verse 44 Jesus says: 'But I say this to you: Love your enemies!'

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.

Friday 20th February Mass at 1900, **Stations of the Cross** and Reconciliation at 1930. Each Friday different parish groups will lead, please sign the list in the porch if you would like to lead on week.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on February 27th. Please give what you can to enable CAFOD to continue its vital work. Donate through picking up envelope at Mass or online at cafod.org.uk. Or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you.

Thursday 19th. February 7.30pm **Eleventh 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 **Preparation for the Rite of Election**.

Saturday 21st February **Right of Election** at St. John's Cathedral at 11.00. Please pray for those preparing to enter the Church at Easter, particularly for the 17 from our pastoral area.

Sunday 22nd February **Presentation Rite** for our RCIA candidates at 1100 Mass **Anniversaries Blessings**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We look forward to welcoming the children to their own liturgy which will be available on the following Sundays during the 9.00am Sunday mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Sunday 15th Feb 2026. The liturgy is for children aged 5 to 10 years. Little brothers and sisters are most welcome to join us on the mezzanine, but please they must be accompanied by an adult to all sessions

Friday March 6th - **World Day of Prayer at OLOL** at 2pm following the Lent lunch. This year this beautiful service comes from Nigeria. Everyone welcome.

Hungerford Lent lunches - OLOL Friday 6th March at 12.30pm, URC church Friday 13th March at 12.30pm, Methodist church Friday 20th March at 12.30pm, St Lawrence's church Friday 27th March at 12.30pm

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.