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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Feb 21	5:15 pm 6:00pm	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
Mon Feb 23	10:00 am	OLOL		
Tues Feb 24	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Wed Feb 25	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Thurs Feb 26	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Feb 27	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	St F	MASS Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation	Josephine O'Sullivan RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A				
Sat Feb 28	5.15 pm 6:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Jane & Robin Horscroft RIP
Sun Mar 1	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	
	1:00 pm	St F	AFRICAN MASS	

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

Matthew 4:1-11 Fr Adrian GRAFFY

The readings set before us for the Sundays of Lent are extraordinarily rich. On the first Sunday the gospel is always that of the temptations of Jesus, read from one of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year it is Matthew's account which is read.

Jesus, filled with the Spirit received at his baptism, is now led by the same Spirit to the place of encounter with the devil. He who was willing to undergo the baptism usually reserved for sinners now submits to the challenge of evil. He who showed solidarity with sinners now confronts the power of sin.

There is a profound mystery here. The sinless one, who comes to save sinners, is nevertheless tempted, for Jesus in his humanity has the same power of choice that we have. While we frequently succumb to the lure of evil, Jesus never does. Three distinct temptations invite him to abuse his miraculous powers for selfish ends (turning stones into bread), to manipulate his relationship with the Father (leaping from the temple parapet), and to collude with evil to gain dominion over the world (worshipping the devil). Jesus confounds the devil on each occasion by quoting from the Book of Deuteronomy. The Scriptures urge us to pursue what is good and to worship the one, true God. The behavior of Jesus in the gospel contrasts sharply with that of Adam and Eve in the reading from Genesis as they succumb to temptation. St Paul, writing to the Romans in the second reading, explains the effects of the disobedience of Adam and the obedience of Jesus.

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.

Sunday 22nd February **Presentation Rite** for our RCIA candidates at 1100 Mass at St F and 0900 Mass at OLOL

Anniversaries Blessings

Friday 27th February **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Thursday 5th March 7.30pm, **Twelfth meeting of RCIA, Journey in Faith** programme in the Parish Hall. This meeting will be led by Fr. Zbigniew and Alistair Mirchel and will look at **Church - Community - Family**

FORMATION FOR EUCHARISTIC

MINISTERS Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation, invites you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on Saturday 9 May, commencing with Mass at 9 am. There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: 'Living a Eucharistic life - what does it mean to live out the eucharist?'. All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PREPARE FOR LENT This new four-part video series is available on Formed, the Augustine Institute's faith formation streaming platform. Using the experience of Jesus' temptation in the desert, episodes dive into the three Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to ultimately help Catholics understand why purposeful preparation is important before Lent even begins. You can watch the episodes here.

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.

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

Liturgy Feb – Sept 2026 Including
Lent and Holy Week

Normal Week-end liturgy – Saturday Vigil

Mass St. F 1800 Adoration and Reconciliation from

1715 Sunday Mass OLOL 0900 St. F 1100

First Sunday of month at St. F there will be an

African Mass at 1300

Last Sunday of month Special Blessings at all

Masses for birthdays, anniversaries & special events

		OLOL	St. F de S
Saturday 21st February	Right of Election at St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth at 1100		
Sat 21 st /Sun 22 nd Feb 1 st Lent	Mass Presentation rite for RCIA Candidates Anniversaries Blessings	0900	1800/1100
Friday 27 th Feb	Mass Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation		1900 1930
Sat 28 th /Sun 1 st March 2 nd Lent	Mass First Holy Communion – Lesson 8 African Mass	0900	1800/1100 1200 1300
Tuesday 3 rd March	Mass in Latin		1900
Thursday 5 th March	RCIA – Journey in Faith meeting 10		1930
Friday 6 th March	Mass Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation		1900 1930
Sat 7 th /Sun 8 th March 3 rd Lent	Mass First Holy Communion Participation in Mass First Scrutiny for The Elect (RCIA) Justice & Peace Cake Stall	0900	1800/1100 1830/1200