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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Feb 7	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	<b>Adoration &amp; Rosary</b> <b>MASS</b>	<b>Michael Boyle RIP</b>
Sun Feb 8	09:00 am	OLOL	<b>MASS</b>	
	11:00 am	St F	<b>MASS</b>	
Mon Feb 9	10:00 am	OLOL		
Tues Feb 10	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	<b>MASS</b> <b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b>	<b>Olwin Brian RIP</b>  <b>Funeral Michael Boyle 1:30 pm St Francis de Sales</b>
Wed Feb 11	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	OLOL	<b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b> <b>MASS</b>	
Thurs Feb 12	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	<b>MASS</b> <b>Adoration &amp; Reconciliation</b>	
Fri Feb 13				

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

Sat Feb 14	5.15 pm 6:00 pm	St F	<b>Adoration &amp; Rosary</b> <b>MASS</b>	<b>Michael Boyle RIP</b>
Sun Feb 15	09:00 am	OLOL	<b>MASS</b>	<b>David Hearn Anniversary Blessing</b>
	11:00 am	St F	<b>MASS</b>	<b>Eudes Coutinho RIP</b>

**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.

**Michael Boyle RIP.** Please pray for the soul of Michael whose funeral is on Tuesday 10th at 1.30 pm. Michael using his expertise over many years contributed a lot to the upkeep of our buildings and site.

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

## Matthew 5:13-16

We continue our reading of the great discourse of Jesus which we know as the Sermon on the Mount. Last week we read its famous opening verses, the Beatitudes. With statements such as 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven' Jesus challenges our attitudes and our actions.

This week, as Jesus continues addressing the disciples, he uses two simple images, salt and light. We are familiar with the phrase 'salt of the earth' when it is applied to people judged to be really good, even exceptional, but not everyone will know that these are originally the words of Jesus. On reflection we might consider it rather strange. Someone who 'rubs salt in a wound' adds insult to injury. Such is not Jesus' meaning here. Rather we need to think of how salt enhances the taste of a meal.

Jesus is talking about salt which has lost its taste, and which is good for nothing but to be thrown away. The challenge he is putting before the disciples is the risk of losing their zeal, losing their enthusiasm for his message, and thereby offering people something weak and insipid instead, something short of the good news. If we begin to present only the easy parts of the good news, we risk offering something which does not deliver the fulness of life.

The second image is that of light, a much easier image to understand. These words of Jesus have given rise to the popular phrase 'Don't hide your light under a bushell!' People often speak of 'following their dreams, considering that the way to self-fulfilment is to achieve 'what I want' regardless of others. The life-giving challenge Jesus brings is that we should allow our light to shine, but that it is the light given us by Christ. The true greatness of the Christian is to offer to others Jesus and all the hope that he brings, by lives which are transparently good, full of salt and light.

**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, Krzys 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.**

Talk by Rutie Ballestas of Fruto del Espiritu, Sunday 15 February, 12 noon to 1pm at St Francis de Sales. The Justice & Peace Group will welcome Rutie to give an update on the work of Fruto del Espiritu, a Community Interest Company set up to open overseas markets for smallholder farmers in Colombia, particularly those adversely affected by conflict. All welcome.

Sunday 8th February - **First Holy Communion preparation Lesson 7** at 12.00

Wednesday 18th February **ASH WEDNESDAY** Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes OLOL at 10.00 and St. F de S at 7.00pm

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

## 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](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please give what you can to enable CAFOD to continue its vital work.

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