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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat May 2	8:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun May 3	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	Renata Devoti for good health
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	Joan O' Brien RIP
	1:00 pm	St F	AFRICAN MASS	
Mon May 4			THE ENGLISH MARTYERS	
Tues May 5	6:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm		LATIN MASS	
Wed May 6	9:30 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am -		MASS	
	10:30 am		ST CATHERINE OF SIENA Religious DOC	
Thurs May 7	9:30 am	St F	MASS	
	10:00 am - 10:30 am		Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri May 8				
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A				
Sat May 9	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	
Sun May 10	09:00 am	OLOL		George Gill RIP
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	For the healing of Zara

The Popes Intention
May

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

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John 14:1-12 Adrian Graffy

Even though we have now re-entered the 'ordinary time' of the liturgical year, there is something of a reluctance to leave the Christmas season behind. The first reading, just like last Sunday, is taken from the 'songs of the servant' in the book of Isaiah. This time we hear that the servant is to bring light and salvation 'to the ends of the earth'. There is a clear echo here of the feast of the Epiphany and the people of the earth seeking the light of God. Furthermore, the gospel reading today is taken from the first chapter of John. We shall have to wait until next week to begin listening to the account of Jesus' ministry found in the Gospel of Matthew, the gospel laid down to be read this year.

The Gospel of John, known also as the 'Fourth Gospel', contains in its first chapter the magnificent 'prologue', read at Christmas, which begins with the mighty words 'In the beginning was the Word.' There follows a portrayal of John the Baptist, which differs in many ways from his presentation in other gospels. As shown in today's gospel, for this evangelist John the Baptist is above all a witness. There is no detailed presentation of the baptism of Christ. Rather, the Baptist proclaims the abiding presence of the Spirit with Jesus. This evangelist is not interested in the self-abasement of Jesus in accepting baptism from John but focuses on the witness to Jesus given by the Baptist.

In this gospel reading John points out Jesus with the words: 'There is the Lamb of God!' These words recall the Passover lamb, slaughtered at the exodus from Egypt and year by year in the Jewish Passover feast. As the blood of the lamb was a sign of salvation for the Jews in Egypt, so the blood of Christ brings God's salvation and freedom to those who accept him.

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.

Ascension Day Masses

10.00am St Joseph's Church
1.30pm St Joseph's School
7.30pm St Joseph's Church
10:00 am OLOL

Anniversaries Blessings

Sunday 3rd May.

First Communion Lesson 10 at 12:00

African Mass: 1:00pm

Tuesday 5th May Mass in Latin 7pm

Save the Date - Justice & Peace Family Quiz Night

Get your teams ready and your thinking caps on

 Saturday 6th June

① Doors open 6.45pm

② Quiz starts at 7.15pm

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition. Your ticket includes a two-course meal, and there will be a licensed bar and raffle on the night.

We're delighted to say that 2023 prices are being held:

- £10 per adult
- £5 per child
- £25 per family (two adults and two children under 16)

Bring your friends, bring your neighbours, and help support the important work of the Justice and Peace group. More details on booking will follow soon.

J & P Group are collecting for West Berkshire Foodbank. Urgent needs for this week are - Long Life Juice, Long Life UHT milk, jars of herbs or spices, pot noodle.

Is God calling you to become a Catholic? If you are interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or if you are an adult Catholic seeking Confirmation you are invited to speak to our priests or contact the parish office. washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk We run RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) courses which you would be most welcome to join.

