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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat August 29	6:00 pm	St F	MASS MASS MASS	
Sun August 30	09:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Sept 1				For Roberts recovery
Tues Sept 2	6:00 pm	St F	Adoration LATIN MASS	
	7:00 pm			
Wed Sept 3	9:30 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
	10:00 am - 10:30 am			
Thurs Sept 4	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope DOC	
Fri Sept 5				

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Sept 6	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS MASS MASS AFRICAN MASS	Private Intention
Sun Sept 7	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Martin & Maura O' Neil RIP
	1:00 pm	St F		

The Popes Intention August

For evangelization in the city
 Let us pray that in large cities often marked by
 anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to
 proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to
 build community.

Please help us to continue God's work by
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The Parish Office is open on Tuesday,
 Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm Parish
 Administrator Yvonne Eaton

Matthew 16:21-27

Last week we heard Peter's profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the words spoken by Christ to Peter: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.' The conversation between Jesus and Peter continues in today's gospel and takes a very different turn. The suffering and death of Jesus will cast a shadow over the rest of the gospel.

Peter is shocked to hear Jesus speak for the first time of his approaching suffering, death and resurrection, shocked that the Messiah should suffer such a fate. Amid the differing opinions about God's Messiah, there was no expectation of suffering and death. Jesus himself, however, understood that the Messiah was also to be a 'suffering servant'.

The lesson for Peter is a lesson for all. Whatever our position in the Church we must be open to the unexpected ways of God, ready to learn new things, not to prefer 'man's way' to God's. The Christian is not called to position and prosperity in this world, but to self-sacrifice in the service of others. This is a constant challenge, which will often lead us on narrow and difficult paths. We can only face this reality knowing that Jesus has trodden the path before us, and that this road leads to the fulness of life.

Sunday 20th September Harvest Festival Mass 11:00 am followed by a shared Lunch in the Hall

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, 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.

Sunday 30th August - **Anniversaries Blessings.**

Tuesday 8th September **Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary.** Mass at 7.00pm. Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm

Wednesday 9th September RCIA - **Journey in Faith** - Session 1 at 7.30pm in parish hall.

Thursday 10th September **Pastoral Area Evangelisation Strategy meeting** at 7.30pm at OLOL

Sunday 13th September **Education Sunday.** Commissioning of Catechists for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and Sycamore courses at 11.00 Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at OLOL. The liturgy is for children aged 5 to 10. The dates for children's liturgy after summer break are: 13th & 20th September 3rd & 17th October, 1st & 15th November, 6th & 20th December. Children should be accompanied.

J&P 100 Club Renewal & New Members welcome.

All current members of the J&P 100 Club have been requested to confirm if they would like to renew for FY26/27 by September 18th. New members are welcome - If anyone would like to participate please email stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com by Sept 12th for further information.

ALTAR SERVERS

It's that time of year again when we welcome a new group of Altar Servers to our team! Being an Altar Server is a special way to take a more active part in the Mass, serve our parish community and grow in your faith. If you have made your First Holy Communion - we would like to invite you to consider joining us. If you would like to become an Altar Server or would simply like to find out a little more about what is involved, please contact Andrew at andrewpolland@gmail.com by 20th September.

First Holy Communion 2027

We are now starting the early preparations for next year's First Holy Communion Programme and would like to welcome early registrations for the course. The course will start in October 2026 with the age for receiving the Sacrament being eight years of age or above (children in Year 3 to 6). Please register interest at the following link: <https://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/news/register-interest-first-holy-communion-2027>