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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Sept 19	5:15 pm 6:00 pm	St F St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Lucy Tyler RIP
Sun Sept 20	09:00 am 11:00 am	OLOL St F	MASS MASS	Chrissy Hearn RIP Fr Eammon Walsh RIP
Mon Sept 21			ST MATHEW, Apostle	
Tues Sept 22	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration MASS	Maura O'Neil RIP
Wed Sept 23	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious	
Thurs Sept 24	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, Religious	
Fri Sept 25				

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Sept 26	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Arthur Mitchell RIP
Sun Sept 27	09:00 am 11:00 am	OLOL St F	MASS MASS	Elizbieta Kwarciak RIP Lily Coutinho RIP

The Popes Intention September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Please help us to continue God's work by supporting us financially Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993 CDP Newbury StFrancis de Sales Ref: St Francis de Sales/ Name

Sunday 20th September Harvest festival
 Mass followed by shared International
 Lunch and entertainment

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

Matthew 20:1-16

Today's gospel reading is one of the parables of Jesus found only in the Gospel of Matthew. The parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard may give rise to some perplexity. Why does the landowner not pay the labourers according to the hours they have worked?

The parable is an invitation to understand that the ways of God are not bound or limited by human standards. The first reading, from the second part of the Book of Isaiah, is very well chosen to assist our understanding. God says: 'for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways'. God does not act according to the principles of human justice, whereby human beings are repaid according to their actions. God's loving generosity puts such considerations to one side.

The point of the parable is that we cannot demand rewards from God. The gifts which God bestows are always far greater than anything we can merit. We are saved not by our own efforts but by the boundless kindness of God which we gratefully welcome into our lives.

When has God taught you that the ways of God are different?

Is it appropriate to speak of the 'justice' of God?

We pray for openness to the things of God, which are beyond our full comprehension.

We pray for a spirit of forgiveness and acceptance of others.

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, Elizabeth and Eveleen Softley who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

Home Mission Sunday - 20 September 2026

Home Mission Sunday is the day parishes are asked to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work through a second collection.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at OLOL. The liturgy is for children aged 5 to 10. The dates for children's liturgy are: 3rd & 17th October, 1st & 15th November 6th & 20th December. 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

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>

Sunday 27th September

Altar Servers presentation.

Anniversaries Blessings

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The next meeting of the new course will be on

WEDNESDAY 30th September at 7.30pm in the hall at St. Francis de Sales.

Tuesday 6th October

Mass in Latin at 7.00pm

Sycamore Course - Session 2 at 7.30pm in the parish hall. All will be welcome; it would help with planning if you could notify the parish office. washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Meeting will be generally fortnightly on Tuesday's.

Date for your diary - Saturday 10 October 2026:

A Concert by the **Cantemus Choir** will take place in St Joseph's Church at 7.30pm. Varied programme to be announced. A previously very successful concert by the choir took place in 2025, which helped raise funds for the parish. Nearer the date, please consider volunteering your assistance on the evening to help sell tickets on the door, and to serve refreshments!

Quiz night and Beetle Drive - 9th October for

Noreen's Kids. Quiz night and Beetle Drive on Friday 9th October at 7pm at the Croft Hall in Hungerford. Tickets are £10 to include a ploughman's' supper and a bar is available. This will be a fun evening suitable for all ages! contact Anna on anna@noreenskids.org or phone 07786494041 for more details and tickets.

J&P Charity Selection 2026

Nominations for charities to be supported by the Justice & Peace Group Fund raising activities have now been received. Please see the J&P notice board in the Church Hall for more details on the nominated charities or use the links to the relevant websites in the summaries below.

On the weekend of 3rd/ 4th of October a voting slip will be given to everyone 16+ attending mass to choose one New international Charity and One New Local Charity. For anyone not attending mass that weekend their votes can still be counted by emailing stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com by 4th October. Results of the voting will be shared in the bulletin later in October.

The International Charities that have been nominated are:

Haitian Appeal to support the Protection of Children – A project being set up by the Catholic Church in Haiti to support the protection of children in an environment of gang violence and intimidation. For more information, please see the J&P notice board.

Lepra – A charity that supports Leprosy (and lymphatic filariasis) patients and their families in countries across the world and promotes inclusion and wellbeing through community education programmes. Facilitates diagnosis and treatment of the disease. For more information: [Health, inclusion and innovation for people affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis.](#)

Medecins Sans Frontieres / Doctors without Borders – An international humanitarian organisation providing medical care in more than 70 countries for people caught in complex crises and chronic healthcare emergencies around the world. For more information: <https://msf.org.uk/>

The Local Charities that have been nominated are:

InteraKt – An arts service for adults with learning, sensory, and physical challenges that empowers through the prism of the arts, developing confidence, communication, creativity,

and collaboration. Based at Newbury Ruby Club on Monks Lane. For more information:

<https://www.interakt.org.uk/>

Stroke Care for Newbury & West Berkshire – A local charity that provides relief & practical support to residents of West Berkshire who have suffered the effects of a stroke and to their families and carers. For more information: <https://www.helpinghandshomecare.co.uk/>

Home-Start West Berkshire – Bringing Hope and Support to Families Across West Berkshire by recruiting and training dedicated volunteers to support families facing challenges including isolation, post-natal depression, coping with the physical disability of a child, grieving the loss of a loved one, emotional and practical challenges or raising twins, triplets or young children. For more information: <https://www.home-start.org.uk/>

Loose Ends Newbury – A hot meal and a warm welcome is provided via its local drop-in center for anyone who needs a hot meal. Some clients are homeless; many are lonely or vulnerable and most struggle to make ends meet. For adults in need a hot meal five times per week and a mini food parcel three times per week are provided in a safe and friendly environment where people can socialize. For More information: [Loose Ends serving homeless and vulnerable in Newbury area](#)

Berkshire Women's Aid – Provides refuge and support to survivors of domestic abuse in addition to advocating for survivors and delivering workshops in schools and the wider community. For more information: [Home - Berkshire Women's Aid](#)