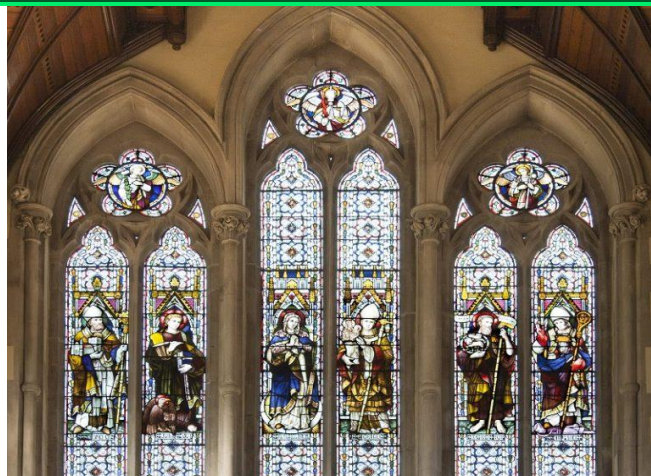


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Oct 3	5:15 pm 6:00 pm	St F St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Private Intention
Sun Oct 4	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	
	11:00 am 1:00 pm	St F St F	MASS AFRICAN MASS	The People of the Parish
Mon Oct 5				
Tues Oct 6	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration MASS	Sebastian 15 th Anniversary
Wed Oct 7	9:30 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Thurs Oct 8	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	NO MASS	
Fri Oct 9			St JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, DOC	

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Oct 10	5:15 pm 6:00pm	St F	Adoration & Rosary MASS	Private Intention
Sun Oct 11	09:00 am	OLOL	MASS	
	11:00 am	St F	MASS	The People of the Parish

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

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

Matthew 21:33-43

The prophets frequently compared the people of Israel to a vineyard. The prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading, speaks of the vineyard cherished by the Lord which produces only sour fruit. Jesus takes this parable of Isaiah as his starting point.

Instead of placing the emphasis on the quality of the grapes produced in the vineyard, Jesus speaks of the tenants of the vineyard who refuse to give the landowner his produce. The tenants abuse the servants of the landowner and eventually kill the landowner's son.

Jesus is now in Jerusalem, and he directs these words to those in authority, who, like many of their forefathers, do not heed the messengers of God and fail to produce a harvest of good works for God. It was principally the religious leaders who rejected the message of Jesus. In spite of this behaviour of some of the leaders of Judaism in Jesus' day, Christians still cherish the Jewish roots of our faith and value the Old Testament and the Jewish traditions of Jesus and his gospel. This parable contains a warning to listen and to respond to 'produce the fruit of the kingdom'. Once again in this gospel the evangelist points to the receptivity of the Gentiles 'who will produce the fruit' of the kingdom. The Church of Christ welcomes all those who heed the message, both Jew and Gentile.

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

Upcoming October dates for **CHILDRENS LITURGY** (St Francis de Sales)

Sunday 4th October and Sunday 18th October. Children's Liturgy is open to children 5 years of age and over. Younger siblings of the children attending are welcome to attend but please ensure that children under 5 years of age are accompanied by a parent/guardian of the child and not in the care of older siblings.

Many Thanks for your cooperation.

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>

SSPX (Society of St. Pius X). There have been requests for clarification of their status given their location in our parish. *SSPX and its members reject teachings of the Second Vatican Council and recently without Papal authority have illicitly ordained four new bishops. In doing this they have formally broken away from the Church. This means that all bishops and priests who exclusively attend their services are now excommunicated. The Masses they offer are illicit. Attendance at them does not fulfil the Sunday obligations and the sacraments they celebrate of marriage and confession are invalid. We must pray for them that they will return to the Church.*

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.

Quiz night and Beetle Drive - 9th October for Noreen's Kids. Noreen's Kids charity is holding a 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! Please contact Anna on anna@noreenskids.org or phone 07786494041 for more details and tickets. [Website www.noreenskids.org](http://www.noreenskids.org)

Diocesan Day for Catechists - Saturday 10th October at St. Bede's Basingstoke. 9.30 - 1.30.

To register your interest please [click here](#), or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Formation Day for Ministers of the Word - Saturday 17th October at St. Peter's Winchester 0900 - 1315 If you wish to attend please email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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.strokecarenewbury.org.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](#)