

St Francis de Sales Catholic Parish Wash Common, Newbury

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Mass Times and Intentions

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B 22nd January, 2012

Sat	21 Jan	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	22 Jan	10.00 am	Patrick McConnon R.I.P.
Mon	23 Jan	No Mass	
Tues	24 Jan	7.30pm	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wed	25 Jan	10.00 am	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
Thurs	26 Jan	10.00 am	St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr & St Titus, Bishop
Fri	27 Jan	10.00 am	
Sat	28 Jan	10.00 am	St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church
		6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	29 Jan	10.00 am	Doreen Bampton R.I.P.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 5 – 5.30pm and by appointment

The Gospel of Mark

During Ordinary time we are offered the bulk of the gospel of Mark during the Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday Eucharist. There are some significant characteristics of Mark's gospel worthy of recognition. It is the briefest of the gospels and has few long passages – Jesus is always in action – the phrase 'at once' or 'immediately' crops up time and again. There is a real lack of understanding of who Jesus is in the gospel. The crowds are simply 'amazed' or 'astonished', the disciples never really understand and are frequently berated by Jesus for their lack of perception. It is only the evil spirits who know who Jesus is until the centurion confesses it at the crucifixion. It seems likely that Mark's gospel was written for a community that experienced hardship and the stark nature of the gospel offers no romantic glow but a severe sense of reality, that is why Mark's gospel is often the gospel that addresses most effectively the struggles and difficulties of life for the faithful.

-www.thepastoralreview.org

The Pope's prayer intentions for January:

-That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.
-That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

This Sunday we welcome Callum David McPhail who will be Baptised during Mass.

Next Sunday there will be a **second collection** for the Catholic Education Service.

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS: *Hymn numbers on the board*

Gloria	See Mass Booklet
Psalm 24:	Lord, make me know your ways.
Sanctus:	See Mass Booklet
Mem. Acc :)
Amen:) See Mass Booklet
Agnus Dei:)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 – 25 January

PRAYER

Almighty God,
Through Jesus you say to us
that whoever wishes to be first must become
the least and the servant of all.
We leave this place, knowing that your
victory is won through the powerlessness
of the cross.
We pray that your church may be one.
Teach us to accept humbly that this unity
is a gift of your Spirit;
Through this gift, change and transform us
and make us more like your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18-25 Jan
Patronal Feast Day: 24th Jan – please come into the Hall after Mass for refreshments.

First Holy Communion: Wed 25 Jan, 5.15-6pm

Next Parish Meal will be on Friday 3rd Feb and it will be for the First Holy Communion parents and children. More details on Wednesday.

Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms through Maureen Hudd, (30108) or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com.

Help us celebrate Burn's Night, Saturday Jan 28th at St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury in aid of 'Noreen's Kids'. Light supper & Bar. Scottish dancing to music of Mo chairde. Tickets £10. Contact Robin Dunn on 01488 668310. Email robin@noreenskids.org.

CAP `Christians Against Poverty`: Struggling, with Debt? Free Debt Counselling for everyone, regardless of Religious beliefs. Call Free on 0800328 0006. www.capuk.org. Free money management courses also available.



St Francis de Sales
Patronal Feast
Tues 24th Jan
Mass 7.30pm
Refreshments in Hall after Mass

We will all be
Changed

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This year, parish donations to **CAFOD's Lent Fast Day** (2 March) this year **will be doubled at no extra cost** to parishioners. Under the **UK Aid Match** initiative, the UK government will match **pound for pound** all parish and individual donations towards CAFOD's Lenten appeal, including funds raised for Fast Day.

UK Aid Match is a scheme that allows the UK public to have a say in how some of the government's international aid budget is spent. **All donations made, as a result of Lent fundraising activities that happen from mid-February 2012 to mid-May 2012 will qualify.**

CHURCH CLEANING

27 Jan Sue Mangham and Margaret McGuire

WELCOMING

28 Jan Sue Mangham & **29 Jan** Tony & Martha Vickers

Christian Aid Barn Dance and Supper: Dancing to "Caper" on **Saturday 28th January** 7pm for 7.30 - 11pm at St. George's Church Hall. Tickets available from Clare Huckle after Mass on Sunday or tel 550428. Also from David Oats on 43380 or Danielle Simpson on 551949. Adults £10 – Child (under 16) £5. Bar and raffle.

Justice and Peace Cake Stall next Sunday! Please support us as always by coming in the Hall to buy a delicious homemade cake or two! If you are able we would welcome donations of any homemade cakes, sweets or preserves. Proceeds will benefit our selected charities. For further information call Lucy 35462.

The first ever **National Libraries Day** will take place on **Saturday 4th February 2012**. This is an opportunity to celebrate the role of libraries throughout the UK. Please drop in to your local public library to show your support and discover what the service has to offer you. Anyone who isn't a library member already can join on the day.

As you know, one of the main services which public libraries provide is a **FREE**, book lending service for everyone. Within West Berks, the libraries will be running a competition: anyone who borrows anything (not just books - but DVDs, magazines, CDs, music scores, maps, computer games, eBooks and more ...) from a West Berkshire library on 4th Feb will automatically be entered into a **draw to win a fantastic prize**. Many public libraries will be running special events on this day. To find out more: www.nationallibrariesday.org.uk

Liturgy and Music for Holy Week

This year, Holy Week will have a very different feel because of the new translation of the Missal. There are also minor changes to the rites themselves. Come and explore liturgy and music for Holy Week through information, inspiration and sharing good practice - **Sat 11th Feb 2012**, 10.30-4pm at St Edward the Confessor, 191 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants, SO53 2DU See Poster in Hall. For further information contact Paul Inwood: pinwood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk / 01329 830945

Please pray for the following members of our parish family who are sick or in need of our support: Maureen Avison, Taylor Bartholomew, Alan Bell, Michael Block, Sheila Clements, Rachel Cookson, Islay Corbel, Mary Craig, Thomas Donnelly, Malachi Easton, Elizabeth Fullylove, Ann Gentles, Maria Hall, Rachel Hawes, Marjorie Hearn, Patricia Hollingsworth, Alec Jenkins, Geoffrey Keegan, Pauline Kelly, Maggie Kieran, Steve Knight, Kath Kyle, Patsy Lacey, Kay and Neil Love, Cheryl McAlinn, Gertie McConnon, Derrick McMurchy, Suzanne Mowatt, Teresa Portsmouth, Maria Samothraki, Joanita de Souza, Carol Spellman and all in our local hospital. **Please notify the Office of any changes. Please keep Bishop Crispian in your prayers.**

