

St Francis de Sales Church
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,
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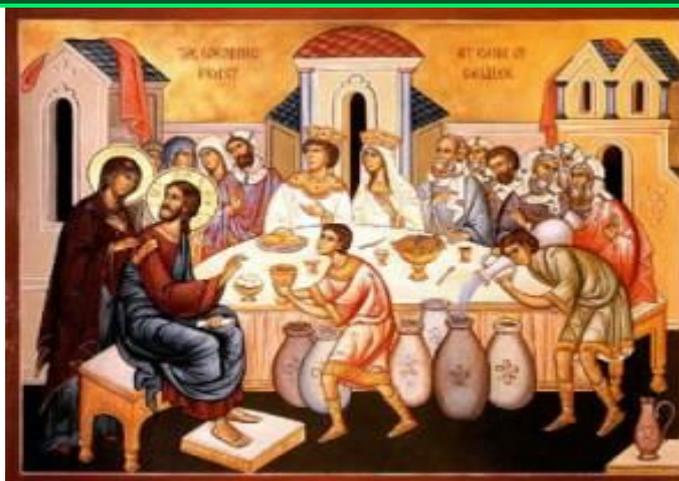
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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME - Year A

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 10 Oct	6:00 pm	St F	Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	
Sun 11 Oct	9:00 am	OLOL		Rita Monaghan RIP
	11:00 am	St F		People of the Parish
Mon 12 Oct			Feria	
Tues 13 Oct			Feria	
Wed 14 Oct	9:30 am	OLOL	Adoration Rosary Prayer & Reconciliation Mass	Isobel Ellis RIP
	10:00 am	OLOL		
Thurs 15 Oct	9:30 am	St F	Mass Adoration Rosary Prayer & Reconciliation St Teresa of Avila, Foundress	
	10:00 am	St F		
Fri 16 Oct			Feria	

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Sat 17 Oct	6:00 pm	St F	Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
Sun 18 Oct	9:00 am	OLOL		Wilfred & Francis Fothergill RIP
	11:00 am	St F		

Arrangements for this Sunday's mass

Please arrive early for mass to allow for the following considerations:

Please follow the directions of the stewards at all times

Because we are unable to adhere to the 2m distance guidelines the wearing of a face covering for the congregation is compulsory.

The Bishops of England and Wales have said there should be no congregational singing at Mass (although we are allowed to have a single cantor)

... and the spoken responses we make during mass should not be in a raised voice

Communion will be given silently and in the hand only, and you should stand to receive the host. Please respect this for the safety of the priest and all parishioners.

Holy Communion - please extend your arms fully so there is a good distance between you and Fr Zbigniew.

Your hands should be palms upwards, one of top of the other, and should be extended as flatly as possible. At the end of mass please wait until directed to leave by the stewards so that we can maintain social distancing.

MATHEW 22:1-14

Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to ensure that all God's creatures share in the fruits of the earth. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all.

Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. Its focus is on the human community. Privileged humans are the first to be invited: the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire.

Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.

SR Veronica Lawson

Pope's Intention for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm *Our Journey in our Catholic Faith*. A meeting by ZOOM for our recently received parish members

CAFOD's Family Fast Day on 11 October our parishes are marking to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes and putting it in the collection basket or send it direct to CAFOD.

You can also give easily via text: **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10**. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message

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

Please pray for Father Pat who is sick at Royal Berkshire Hospital

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for Courtney Andrews, Anton Barber, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, Bronek (father of Anna Brooks), Christopher & Robert Brown, Tim Burke-Gaffney, Lucy Curtis, Mary Dykes, Emma, Joe Emery, Maria Hall, Sam Hearn, June & Jo Howard, Clare Huckle, Victoria Kilkenny, Evelyn Lavers, Noreen McCann, Deidre McNair Wilson, Shomila Malik, Joseph Marletta, Marie O'Sullivan, Daryl Pike, Mary Russell, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner who ask for our prayers. *Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.*

SAFEGUARDING: If you have any safeguarding concerns re a child or vulnerable adult please contact Maureen Hudd, Parish Safeguarding Representative on 07880 730691.

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