



**St Francis de Sales  
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Tues 25 Dec	10 am Mass	CHRISTMAS DAY	For the Parish
Wed 26 Dec	12 noon Mass	St Stephen	Special Intention of Servers
Thurs 27 Dec	12 noon Mass	St John	Private Intention (NP)
NO ADORATION			
Fri 28 Dec	12 noon Mass	The Holy Innocents	For the Holy Souls
Sat 29 Dec	10am	Confession	
	6pm Vigil Mass	HOLY FAMILY	Julie Edith Muscat R.I.P.
Sun 30 Dec	10 am Mass		Frank Brooks R.I.P.

### From the Parish Priest

Even though we may get ourselves slightly stressed through the desperate need to buy food, presents and plan meals, the Spirit of Christmas is still alive. Although we live in a post Christian and materialistic society, the values of joy, peace and love are still present at this Season. Families do come together to share a meal, the houses are decorated and presents are given. There is a sense of celebration which I find is encouraging. It is encouraging to feel that mankind still feels the importance of such virtues even if they are only celebrated once a year. There is still behind the tinsel and the over-indulgence the Christ child - the perfect example of the virtues we seek to follow. In their expression, we shall have Jesus in every home; waiting, loving and encouraging his children to continue the spirit of Christmas when the decorations are taken down and the routine of life kicks in again.

*Fr Bruce*

**May I wish you all a Blessed and joyful  
Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fr Bruce**

### Pope's Intention for December



That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of the faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

### DIARY DATES

Mass at 12 noon all week. Celebrate Christmas with the Lord.

Tues 1 Jan – Healing Mass – 12 noon

Tues 8 Jan – Liturgy Group – 5pm

Wed 9 Jan (& all future Wed in Jan) – RCIA – 7.30pm - Presbytery

Sat/Sun 12/13 Jan – SPUC Appeal – **SECOND COLLECTION**

Mon 14 Jan – J&P Group meeting at Lucy's – 7.45pm

Sat/Sun 18/19 Jan - **SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHEDRAL**

Wed 23 Jan – EST Group – 6pm

Sat 26 Jan – Parish Quiz Night – 7pm

### NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas Bazaar** Thanks to all who contributed and attended the Christmas Bazaar. The Youth Group raised £42.50 which helped the J&P group total of £274.60. £39 was also raised for CAFOD. The bric-a-brac stall raised just over £100 for the Parish Appeal. A big well-done and thank you to all concerned.

**St George's Themed Quiz** takes place on Saturday, 19th January (19.00 for 19.30 start). Tickets are now available. To book, please contact Carole Neal on 01635 45535 or email [carole@kenneal.co.uk](mailto:carole@kenneal.co.uk) or Peter Wright on 01635 38369 or e-mail him at [piwright@hwca.com](mailto:piwright@hwca.com).

Save the date!

Saturday 26 January at 7pm

## PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Celebrate the feast of St Francis de Sales

Come in a team or join a group on the night. Lots of fun rounds, raffle, bar. Ticket price includes **two-course meal**. Proceeds to be shared between J&P charities and Parish appeal. £10 adult, £5 under-16, £25 family - tickets available after Mass or from Lucy Tyler (01635 35462).

Raffle prizes needed!

### HEALING MASS

Tues 1 Jan at 12 noon

Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
followed by refreshments



#### WELCOMING:

Sat 29 Dec: Pat Dixon

Sun 30 Dec: Sonya Hutcheson & Owen family

#### CLEANERS:

Fri 28 Dec: Margaret Fielding & Angela

Spellman

#### COUNTERS:

Sun 30 Dec: Jacqueline Frood & Graham

Spellman

Please remember that the collection today is your personal offering to Fr Bruce and forms a large part of his income for the year.

The SVP would like to thank the Parish for their generous support to the collection that raised £634. This will go towards the many deserving causes in Newbury.

**Thank you to all who have prepared the Church and contributed to the services. Your efforts are much appreciated.**

**Registration Forms:** If you have not registered as a member of the Parish, please take a form from the box in the porch and return it to the Parish Office.



*Merry*   
*Christmas* 