

# St Francis de Sales Catholic Parish Wash Common, Newbury Warren Lodge, Warren Road, Newbury, RG14 6NH Parish Priest: Fr Bruce Barnes MA, STL, FRSA

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Sat	10am	Confession	
13 Apr	6 pm	PALM	For Lalith &
	Vigil Mass	SUNDAY of	Kathy
Sun	9.30am	the Passion	From Falkland
14 Apr	PROCESSION	of Our Lord	Road Memorial
	10 am Mass		Robin Horscroft
			R.I.P., Malcolm
			Cantwell R.I.P.
Mon	10 am Mass	Of HOLY	For all readers
15 Apr		WEEK	
Tues	NO MASS		
16 Apr			
Wed	10 am Mass	Of HOLY	Don Connolly
17 Apr		WEEK	R.I.P.
Thurs	No 9 am Mass	HOLY	
18 <i>A</i> pr	No adoration	THURSDAY	
	7.30pm Mass		For the Parish
	Adoration until		
å	midnight		
Fri 19	10 am Stations	GOOD	
Apr	of the Cross	FRIDAY	
	3 pm Solemn		
	Liturgy		
Sat 20	12 noon	HOLY	
<b>A</b> pr	Blessing of	SATURDAY	
	Food		
	9 pm Easter		For Roland &
	Vigil Mass		Kasha
Sun 21	10 am Mass	EASTER	For the Parish
<i>A</i> pr		SUNDAY	

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for Courtney Andrews, Bernard & Victoria Kilkenny, Marie O'Sullivan, Pauline Smith, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner who ask for our prayers.

Please pray for Rowland and Kasha who will be entering into full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

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# From the Parish Priest

Today there is a definite feeling of joy and sadness in the liturgy; we have a triumphant procession singing and welcoming our King into Jerusalem and then, we are plunged into the Readings that foretell the sadness of His death. This reaches its height in the Passion which is read and which this year comes

from St Luke. We start The Passion with the Institution of the Holy Eucharist which is the strength of Jesus for his Passion and which he gives as the foundation for the church of the future. In this Passion narrative as one scholar puts it, Luke invites readers to reflect on what it means for a church to follow courageously and in changing circumstances the footsteps of Jesus. (Robert Karris OFM)

Fr Bruce



# **EVENTS DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

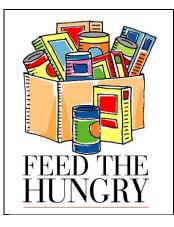
- \* MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Penitential Service at St Joseph's Church
- \* TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> No Mass in St Francis 11am - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
- \* FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> 10am Stations of the Cross for Children
- \*SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Polish ceremony of the blessing of the food
- \*Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.00 a.m. No Adoration on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- \*SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Liberty Eaton
- \*SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Sunday

Please remember that the collection at Easter is your offering for the parish priest.

# **NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER** will take place on Monday 15th April from 10am onwards. Everyone welcome.

**EXTRA CAR PARKING AVAILABLE** - from this weekend, please park in the overflow car park of Park House School on Sunday mornings. Please be mindful of those helping with the parking on these special Sundays and Holy Days and of pedestrians.



The Foodbank would be grateful for the following items: Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings, Long Grain Rice, Sugar and Long Life Fruit Juice.

Contribute to our Website You can now request access to add content to our website. This opens the possibility of adding your own events, managing a group you run or writing articles. If interested, please fill in the simple form on the website to request access.

http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/user/register Any queries, feel free to contact Andrew at andrewpolland@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) At the last Meeting of the PPC, the members took an important decision to stand down so that it might be completely renewed and refreshed. The whole PPC came to the conclusion that that it should encourage membership of the future PPC to reflect various age groups, organizations and ethnic diversity within our Parish Community. After Easter, there will be more information regarding how the new Council will be formed. Meanwhile, members of the former council will be encouraging people consider actively to becoming members of the PPC. Membership of the PPC should be no longer than 4 years. It meets three times a year.

**St Joseph's School** are looking for a Deputy Play Leader & Playworker. More details on the noticeboard in the hall. Closing date for applications: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Life to the Full: Another chance to catch last Autumn's successful "Life to the Full" series of heart-warming, thought-provoking DVDs to help you to unlock the Bible whilst enjoying homemade cakes in the company of other Catholics from the Pastoral Area. Typical feedback: 'Simply wonderful!'. Where: St Joseph's, Newbury RG14 1JP. When: Doors open at 7.30pm on 5 Mondays, from 29th April to 10th June excluding Bank Holidays. No need to come every week. Everybody welcome! Offers of help welcome. Please speak to Angela Jordan or Mike Parry (01635 33023).

# **Fundraising recently**

We raised £1187.94 for Missio last year. Thanks to all who have a Red Box at home.

The cake stall for J&P raised £69.90. Thank you to all who brought and bought cakes.

The collection for the Orphanage in Mexico raised £675 with generous donations there.

The urn collection for Cyclone Idai raised £188.10 also with a generous donation of £500 on top.

The collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund raised £313.91.

Pope's intention for April
For doctors and their humanitarian
collaborators in war zones, who risk their
lives to save the lives of others.

Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms An increasing number of users of the Parish Hall who have booked are complaining that they arrive to find other people using the facilities. It is important that anyone who wishes to use the Parish Hall, etc., especially for parish events, checks and books with Maureen Hudd. Please contact her by telephone on 01635 30108 or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com

#### WELCOMING:

Thurs 18 Apr - 7.30pm: Michael Boyle

Fri 19 Apr - 3pm: Pat Dixon

Sat 20 Apr - 9pm: Angela Spellman

**Sun 21 Apr:** Dykes, Gill & Brown families

**CLEANERS:** 

Mon 15 Apr – 10am: CHURCH CLEANING

FOR EASTER - ALL WELCOME

COUNTER:

Sun 14 Apr: Graham Spellman & Charlotte

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