

**St Francis de Sales Church  
and Parish Office**  
**Warren Lodge, Warren Road, Wash  
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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory  
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**Registered Charity Number 246871**

**Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**This Sunday: Welcome to our Mass, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer!**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Year C - Psalter Week 4**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 23 Nov	10 am	St F	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6 pm	St F	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	Fr Bernard Medd R.I.P.
Sun 24 Nov	9 am	OLOL		For the Parish
	11 am	St F		Constantin Ludeseu R.I.P.
Tues 26 Nov	12 noon	St F	Feria	Peter Cunnningham R.I.P.
Wed 27 Nov	9.30 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10 am	OLOL	Feria	
Thurs 28 Nov	9.30 am	St F	Feria	Private Intention (NP)
Half an hour	10 am	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A - Psalter Week 1**

Sat 30 Nov	10 am	St F	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6 pm	St F	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	For the Parish
Sun 01 Dec	9 am	OLOL		Joan & Ron Willmott R.I.P.
	11 am	St F		70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Kathleen Donnelly

**DIARY**

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

**24 Nov - Youth Sunday - Music Group**  
**24 Nov - 12.15 pm - St F - CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**  
**29 Nov - 3 pm - St Joseph's School - Christmas Fair**  
**1 Dec - 11 am - St F - FHC Celebration Mass**  
**1 Dec - 12 noon to 3.15pm - St F - Day of Preparation for Advent for primary school children**  
**1 Dec - 3.15pm - St F - Christingle Service**  
**7/8 Dec - St F - ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SVP - Gift Aid possible in porch**  
**15 Dec - 12 noon to 2pm - St F - J&P CHRISTMAS FAIR - All welcome**



**He has taken us  
out of the power  
of darkness and  
created a place  
for us in the  
kingdom of the  
Son. Col 1:13**

**ST FRANCIS HYMNS FOR SUNDAY**  
**Ent: 771 Kyrie: Taize Gloria: New Celtic**  
**Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go to God's house x 2 Gospel Acc: 51**  
**Off: 529 Mass Setting: T & R Cobb x 2**  
**Comm: 142, 250 Recess: 404**

## NEWS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING AT ST FRANCIS - SUNDAY, 24 Nov, at 12.15 pm. ALL WELCOME

Friday 29th November is the **St. Joseph's School Christmas Fair** at 3.0pm at the school. All welcome.

**Day of Preparation for Advent** for all children of primary school age on Sun 1st Dec at St F after the 11 am Mass, finishing at 3.15 pm with a Christingle service for all the children with pre-school children welcome to the service. The service should end at about 3.45pm. There is a charge of £5 per family to help with the cost of materials. The children need to bring a packed lunch.

**Justice & Peace Group Christmas Fair** - 15 Dec at 12 noon till 2 pm - Cakes, toy and gift and chocolate tombola, bottle stall, games, soup and refreshments - donations gratefully received in the box in the porch, especially chocolate items. Would you like to help? Contact Lucy on 35462.

**Evening Mass for Advent** On Fridays 6 Dec, 13 Dec and 20 Dec there will be a Mass at 7.30pm for Advent with a procession in honour of Our Lady.

**Recent Collections** CAFOD last month raised £601.12; Home Mission Sunday raised £211.04; World Mission Sunday raised £282.71 and Bamenda raised £836.44. Thank you all for your generosity.

#### Pope's Intention for November

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** on Tuesdays after 9.30am Mass at The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, 7 Bath Road, Thatcham, RG18 3AG. Duration 1hr. Enquiries: 01635 864416. All welcome.

**West Berks Foodbank** are looking to restock their 'store cupboard' boxes. Please donate Veg stock cubes, Tomato Puree, Garlic Puree, Sunflower Oil and Dried onion granules.

**Newbury Chamber Choir Concert** - Sun 1 Dec - 5pm - St John's Church - Heinrich Schutz - The Christmas Story - Edward Lambert - Brighter than the Sun - £15 on the door; £13.50 from newburychamberchoir.org

**Contribute to our Website** You can now request access to add content to our website. 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](mailto:andrewpolland@gmail.com)

**HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN BAPTISED LATELY?** Please check for the Baptism discs as we now do not have a complete set for those waiting to prepare to receive the Sacrament. Please check your players and stacks of DVDs. Return to the porch in an envelope marked for Gill Hughes.

**APPEAL TO THE PARISH:** We need more people working in Ministries of the Parish. **BIDDING PRAYER WRITERS:**

There is a small rota of people who individually write the bidding prayers for each weekend. There is training available. Please give it some thought as to whether you could write the prayers. **COLLECTION COUNTING:** Two people count the Collection after the 11.00 am Mass each Sunday. More people are required. Would you be willing to give up about an hour occasionally after Sunday Mass?

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Again numbers have been decreasing. The cleaning takes approximately 1 hour and the more groups there are, the less often each group is required to do it. The group can arrange their own time as long as nothing else is going on in the Church. This also means that we do not need to rely on mainly retired people nor only on the women of the parish. **IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT ANGELA SPELLMAN ON 01635 253874**

**READERS AND WELCOMERS:** Please collect your new rotas from the porch. Thank you.

If **writing cheques**, please make them payable to PRC DTR Newbury St Francis de Sales. Requested by the bank!

**CTNA is organising a free Christmas Day Event** for the Elderly in our town which will be held at St Georges Church in Wash Common from 10am-4pm. Guests will be picked up from their homes by volunteer Drivers at 10am. There will be lots of entertainment, drinks and snacks and a Christmas Dinner. On departure, each guest will get a goodie bag containing a gift item plus cakes and crisps for tea at home. Please contact Joanna on 07828244119 or email [marinaoabrahams@gmail.com](mailto:marinaoabrahams@gmail.com).

**There seems to be a shortage of newsletters to go round. Please share your newsletter with family members and those around you for the readings during Mas.**

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER** Go to the website [www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk](http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk) and scroll down to the bottom of the front page. Tick the box for Sunday newsletter and enter your email address. Click subscribe and you are there!

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**Bookings for St Francis Hall and Parish Rooms** Please book the hall with Maureen for all events on 01635 30108 or email [Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com](mailto:Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com)

#### ROTAS AT ST FRANCIS

##### WELCOMING:

**Sat 30 Nov: Maureen Slade**

**Sun 01 Dec: Middleton family**

##### CLEANERS:

**Fri 29 Nov: Paul Cobb & Clare Huckle**

##### COUNTER:

**Sun 24 Nov: Charlotte Syder & Linda Verner**

## J&P REPORT

The J&P Group at St Francis de Sales exists as a 'mission of social concern' within our parish. Our focus is on fundraising for charitable causes, awareness-raising about issues of social justice around the world, campaigning where appropriate, and creating opportunities for people to come together to pray and reflect.

Thank you for your support this year. Below you will see a summary of our activities in the year September 2018-August 2019. As a parish group we represent YOU and we would welcome new members and new ideas. Unfortunately, we are a small group and we all have very limited time. We need some new members if we are to keep going! Please contact me via the parish office if you are interested in being involved, or if you would like to find out about joining the 100 Club or regular giving to the Special Projects Fund. [washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Lucy Tyler, J&P Co-ordinator

**+++STOP PRESS – 2020 J&P planning meeting 7.45pm 14 January 2020 – all welcome+++**

### 1. Campaigning and awareness-raising

*This year we have...*

- promoted the Cafod Fast Day appeal in March 2019 [and October 2019]
- hosted a speaker from Aid to the Church in Need who talked about their work with persecuted Christians around the world (April 2019)
- reported on the work of La Asunción Orphanage in Mexico, who support girls from impoverished families and their mothers (April 2019)
- collaborated with the Youth Group in the parish who have made a video to send to the Orphanage

*If there is an issue of social justice you feel passionately about please do join our group!*

### 2. Fundraising

*Just under £3500 was raised in 2018-19:*

£

a. Regular monthly giving	720.00
b. 100 Club proceeds (receipts less costs)	576.00
c. Cake stalls (16 Sept 2018, 31 Mar 2019), Christmas Bazaar (9 Dec 2018)	451.50
d. Musical Mezze, 7 July 2019	612.70
e. Other events (Quiz night 26 January 2019, Mexico talk 5 April 2019)	915.75
f. Donations	188.00

*We would love to have someone to set up and keep updated a J&P page on the parish website with news and photos of our events!*

### 3. Distribution

*We made the following donations from funds raised:*

a. Fair Close Centre, Newbury	300.00
b. Intercare Medical Aid for Africa	400.00

c. La Asunción Orphanage, Mexico City

750.00

d. Aid to the Church in Need

150.00

*We will shortly be making a further distribution of funds.*

4. Spiritual events

- J&P Stations of the Cross on 5 April 2019 (Cafod) and 12 April 2019 (ACN)

With sadness I must report that Mother María Guadalupe Reynoso Dueñas, Director of La Asunción Orphanage in Mexico, has recently died. She was like a mother to generations of children and indeed was known as "La madre Asunción". *Que en paz descanse.*



## SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The Parish is required to undertake a DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check for anyone over the age of 18 years who has regular contact in their Parish role with children (those under 18 years) and vulnerable adults. All the First Communion, Adult Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Music Group and Youth Club Ministers are either checked or are going through the process and all Ministers of the Eucharist who take Communion to housebound parishioners are required to be checked and I am about to embark on a re-check for those whose DBS check is over 5 years old.

The DBS process is a live-one in that when the request for a check is made, in the case of the Parish through the Diocese, the system can track up to date information on applicants which is an improvement on the old CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check which only signified the status of a person on the day it was issued.

Training is also an integral part of safeguarding and I am hoping to arrange for training to take place in the Parish for volunteers who work with both Children and Vulnerable Adults as this is a requirement for all Ministers in those categories. The training is likely to be in early 2020.

Thank you to all those who have completed the process of application for DBS, it is now a requirement in so many parts of our lives but nevertheless a very important one as the church endeavours to provide a safe place for all.

Maureen Hudd

# AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER: FR ZBIGNIEW
2. WELCOME: NEIL MCLAUGHLIN
3. ANNUAL REPORTS:
  - **PARISH PRIEST**
  - **CHAIR PPC**
  - **CHAIR FINANCE**
4. WRITTEN REPORTS
5. REPRESENTATIONS
6. CLOSING PRAYER