

St Francis de Sales Church
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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,
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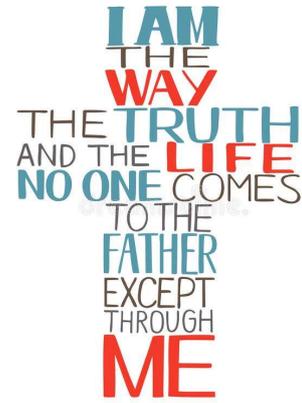
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Registered Charity Number 246871

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There are no public Masses here until further notice
and the Church is no longer open for private prayer

<i>Date</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 9 May		People of the Parish
Sun 10 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A MASS ONLINE 10am, see note below	Joan O'Brien R.I.P.
Mon 11 May		
Tues 12 May		
Wed 13 May		
Thurs 14 May	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	Anne Rees - intention
Fri 15 May		
Sat 16 May		
	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sun 17 May	MASS ONLINE 10am, see note below	People of the Parish

Sunday Mass is streamed live via our website, at <http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live> and starts at 10am each Sunday.

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.

Pope's Intention for May

That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and to the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

The Parish Office is closed. Please ring and leave a message if you need to contact Fr Zbigniew or if you would like to agree a time for confession with him.

"Just as children learn speech from their parents, so by keeping close to Our Saviour in meditation, and observing his words, deeds and affections, we learn by his grace and example, to speak, act, and will as he does.

We cannot go to the Father unless we go through this gate which is Jesus Christ. There is no way that we could contemplate the Godhead unless it had been united to the sacred humanity of Our Saviour. His life, death and resurrection are the most fitting, wonderful and profitable subjects which we can choose for our ordinary meditations" (St Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life, part II, chap. 1, 2*)

MASS INTENTIONS Fr Zbigniew continues to say daily Mass and includes all booked Mass Intentions. If you would like Fr Zbigniew to include a Mass intention please contact the office.

Thursday 21 May is the feast of the Ascension

Congratulations to Fr Zbigniew on the Anniversary of his ordination, next Saturday, 16 May!

The account of the last evening of Jesus with his disciples in the Gospel of John includes several speeches, punctuated from time to time by interventions of the disciples. It is most appropriate that these passages are read during the second half of the Easter season as we approach the feast of the Ascension and the return of Jesus to the Father. Jesus' first words in today's passage are words of reassurance which contrast strongly with his earlier prediction of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial.

Thomas asks about the way to the place where Jesus is going. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,' says Jesus. The words of Jesus in John's gospel constantly underline that in him truth and life are to be found. Philip, on the other hand, is impatient to see the Father. Jesus' reply echoes the constant teaching of this gospel that 'the only Son has made God known' (John 1:18). Both the answer to our searching and the satisfaction of our longing are found in Christ. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To see Jesus is to see the Father.

Fr Adrian Graffy, Diocese of Brentwood

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/reflection/i-way-truth-life/>

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, 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. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

The Prayer Support Team - Every person is called to a vital and personal relationship with the living God: prayer is this relationship. Sometimes it is difficult to pray. The Diocese have a prayer support team, to pray with you or provide a listening ear, or to pray for you.

Prayer Support If you would like someone to pray with you or for you over the phone, contact us using the link.

Key Workers Are you a busy key worker in need of prayer? Get in touch by following the link and our prayer team will pray for your intentions.

Spiritual Listening Are you in need of a listening ear? Contact us and a member of our team will get in touch

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/prayer-support>

The mayor, Elizabeth O'Keefe (one of our parishioners), is phoning people in the community who live alone. If you or anyone you know would like a chat get in touch. In order to ensure safeguarding and for people to be expecting a call they are made by appointment. Call the Mayor's Office 01635 780203 or email mayor@newbury.gov.uk. between Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm. Give the details and you will be told when to expect the call back.

J&P have recently made a donation of £580 to **the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice** in Reading, (this will fund a nurse for 4 days). As a result of Covid-19 all their shops are closed and fundraising has almost dried up resulting in a massive drop in income. Please consider making a donation yourself. Every pound you give could make the difference to whether they can continue to be there when it matters for local families in the future: www.sueryder.org/donate

Could you inspire young people to make a difference? Could YOU be a CAFOD school volunteer?

Schools Volunteers are a vital part of our work bringing Catholic social teaching to the next generation - but there is a shortage in Portsmouth Diocese and we need your help. By becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer you will have the opportunity to be part of a global movement building a fairer world, inspiring young people to get involved. It only takes a few hours a week to visit schools, and with that time, you can help make an impact on future generations. Training and support is provided for more information please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

SAFEGUARDING: If you have any safeguarding concerns re a child or vulnerable adult please contact Maureen Hudd, Parish Safeguarding Representative on 07880 730691. The Parish cannot offer organised support to vulnerable people in terms of personal care, handling money, etc. unless volunteers have been DBS checked. Private arrangements and friends helping friends is not affected by this.

Bookings for St Francis Hall and Parish Rooms Please note that *all use of the Parish premises is cancelled until further notice.*

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