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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 4 July		Becky Boyle R.I.P.
Sun 5 July 9am 11am	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time OLOL MASS ONLINE 11am, see note below	Philip Grime R.I.P. People of the Parishes
	Ordinary Time, Week 14	
Mon 6 July		Private intention
Tues 7 July		Fr Bernard Medd R.I.P.
Wed 8 July		
Thurs 9 July		
Fri 10 July	ST BENEDICT, Founder, Patron of Europe	
Sat 11 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the parishes
Sun 12 July 9am 11am	OLOL StF	

This Sunday Fr Zbigniew is celebrating Holy Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9am. Sunday's online, livestream mass will therefore be at 11am today, NOT 10am.

<http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live>

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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. He continues to say daily Mass and includes all booked Mass intentions - please contact the office if you would like a Mass intention.

Pope's Intention for July
Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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.

Virtual Socials Please join us after mass on Sunday for a virtual social. There will be a number of hosts ready to invite you to have a friendly chat with other parishioners on a Zoom call. Once the mass livestream has finished, just return to the usual mass live page (<http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live>) and social rooms will open within a couple of minutes. You've got time to grab a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit first before joining in!

Reception of six of our Candidates into the Church will be on Thursday 16th July at OLOL at 7pm. Please keep them in your prayers

Matthew 11:25-30

Our reading today is exclusively made up of the words of Jesus. The initial two verses are addressed to the Father, while in the remainder of the reading Jesus addresses his listeners. Both parts of the reading contain words of great beauty and great intimacy.

Jesus begins by praising the Father for allowing 'these things' to be known by those who, like children expectant of good things from loving parents, open their hearts and minds. In the previous passage in Matthew's gospel Jesus had condemned the refusal to repent of the lakeside towns. Despite the evidence of the mighty deeds and powerful preaching of Jesus their response was lukewarm.

Jesus rejoices in those whose hearts are open to receive and to learn. His next statement makes clear that he is the way to the Father. It is through knowing him that we come to know the Father. It is the Son alone who fully knows the Father and it is through the Son that those who are ready to receive and learn come to know the reality of God. These words may well remind us of some of the statements in John's gospel. 'It is the only Son, who is nearest the Father's heart, who has made God known.' (John 1:18)

No-one can really listen to the final words of Jesus without being moved at the compassion of God. As the reading from the prophet Zechariah illustrates, the Messiah comes not to dominate and control but humbly to offer new life and strength.

We continue to read from St Paul's Letter to the Romans. Paul speaks of the Spirit who gives us life. The same Spirit who was revealed in power at the resurrection of Jesus gives new life to us in baptism. We are free to accept and live that new life. We are free to receive the good news like 'mere children' or to reject it and thereby lose the greatest gift.

Do I allow the life of God, Father, Son and Spirit, into my mind and heart?

Do I welcome and trust in the loving care of Jesus?

We pray for those who are overburdened with the problems of life.

We pray for the courage to take up the yoke of Christ and follow him.

Fr Adrian Graffy

Diocese of Brentwood

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. 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 are not affected by this.

The next RCIA meeting will be on Thursday 9th July at 7.30 pm by ZOOM.

Sing Hosanna – A group of (mostly) local parishioners have collaborated in making a virtual rendition of 'Sing Hosanna' which you may like to listen to. It can be found on this link

<https://youtu.be/ou91RHQwjw>

*Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality,
Boars Hill, Oxford*

**MARY: A MODEL OF COURAGE FOR THE
PRESENT AND A BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE
FUTURE**

AN ONLINE MARIAN RETREAT

7-16 JULY 2020

Mary the Mother of Jesus is a figure of inspiration and the model of true discipleship. She always leads us to Jesus her son in whom we find the fullness of life (John 2:5). Carmelites have always known that no one who turns to Mary will ever be disappointed. During these difficult times we turn to her maternal protection and care and we are confident of her closeness and continued help.

During this nine-day retreat we will reflect on the life and person of Mary the Mother of Carmel as she inspires us with courage to face the uncertainties of the present time and hope for the future.

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