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<i>Date</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 11 July		
Sun 12 July 9am OLOL 11am StF	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parishes
	Ordinary Time, Week 15	
Mon 13 July		
Tues 14 July		
Wed 15 July	St Swithun, Bishop	
Thurs 16 July		
Fri 17 July	St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop	
Sat 18 July		People of the parishes
Sun 19 July 9am 11am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OLOL StF	Sunday Mass is still being streamed live via our website, http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live and starts at 11am

Arrangements for this Sunday's mass

Please arrive early for mass to allow for the following considerations:

Please follow the directions of the stewards at all times

Because we are unable to adhere to the 2m distance guidelines the wearing of a face covering for the congregation is compulsory.

The Bishops of England and Wales have said there should be no congregational singing at Mass (although we are allowed to have a single cantor)

... and the spoken responses we make during mass should not be in a raised voice

Communion will be given silently and in the hand only, and you should stand to receive the host.

Holy Communion - please extend your arms fully so there is a good distance between you and Fr Zbigniew.

Your hands should be palms upwards, one of top of the other, and should be extended as flatly as possible.

At the end of mass please wait until directed to leave by the stewards so that we can maintain social distancing.

Please check that you have left nothing behind and please don't stay to chat, either in the church or in the car park

If you would like to contribute to the Sunday collection then you can do this online or by Standing Order. There are collection baskets by the entrance and both exits if you prefer to give cash.

Please help us to continue God's work by supporting us financially

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Matthew 13:1-20

Since the outbreak of Covid-19, we have necessarily distanced ourselves from others. Some of us have retreated to the natural world so that our sensitivities have sharpened and our planetary awareness has heightened. Such changes in lifestyle are conditioning us to use our eyes to see and our ears to listen, as today's gospel invites us to do. Jesus' directive, "let anyone with ears listen", is a reminder that we do have ears and that we do not always hear. Ann Lewin's words come to mind: "You do not have to Look for anything. Just look. You do not have to Listen for specific Sounds. Just Listen. You do not have to Accomplish anything. Just Be. And in the Looking and the Listening and the Being, find Me."

To what sort of being, of looking and listening does today's gospel call us? The parable of the soil, of the seed, of the birds and the thorns, of the sun and the sower alerts us to Jesus' deep sense of connection with life in its multiple forms. It calls us to examine our connection with the natural world.
Veronica Lawson RSM

The Parish Office is now open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4 pm

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!

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.

RCIA Please pray for Chris, Daniel, Tim, Romain, Sue and Verity who will be received into full communion of our Church on Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes. We give thanks for their sponsors and all who have helped them on their faith journey.

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/ou91RHQwjJw>