

**St Francis de Sales Church**  
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<i>Date</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 25 July	<b>ST JAMES, Apostle</b>	
Sun 26 July 9am OLOL 11am StF	<b>SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	People of the Parishes
	<b>Ordinary Time, Week 17</b>	
Mon 27 July		
Tues 28 July		
Wed 29 July	<b>St Martha, memorial</b>	
Thurs 30 July	<b>St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>The church will be open from 10 am – 12pm StF Reconciliation 10.30 – 11.15</b>
Fri 31 July	<b>St Ignatus of Loyola, Founder</b>	
Sat 1 August	<b>St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop</b>	People of the parishes
Sun 2 August 9am 11am	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> OLOL StF	Sunday Mass is still being streamed live via our website, <b><a href="http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live">http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live</a></b> and starts at <b>11am</b>

### **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. Please respect this for the safety of the priest and all parishioners.**

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 13:44-52

The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday celebrates the treasure we receive in the teaching which comes from God. Our gospel reading, from the chapter in which Matthew has collected many parables of Jesus, offers us three separate parables. Two of these, the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price, provide rich images of the teaching of Jesus and what a great gift it is. The first reading, from the first Book of Kings, considers how king Solomon received the gift of a discerning heart from God. Jesus teaches with a wisdom which fulfils and surpasses the wisdom of Solomon.

The final parable, the dragnet cast into the sea, has similarities to the parable of the dandelion in the field which we heard last Sunday. The harvest from the sea contains both good and bad and these will only be separated at the judgement. Once again Matthew reminds us of the 'blazing furnace', symbolising the place where God can no longer be found. The anguish of the loss of God is expressed by the image of fire and in the phrase, 'there will be weeping and grinding of teeth'.

The parable discourse of Jesus comes to an end with the question 'Have you understood?' The wise disciple of the kingdom of heaven treasures both what is newly discovered and what is old.

*Fr Adrian Graffy*

*Diocese of Brentwood*

### 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!

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

**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.

**Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, of which CAFOD is a member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on Tuesday, 14 July.

The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so our response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted. Please donate, which you can do by following this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

May we who are merely inconvenienced, Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.

**If you are at all concerned that you might have developed COVID-19 after visiting the church please contact the relevant NHS authority and let the Parish Office know ASAP.**