

**St Francis de Sales Church**  
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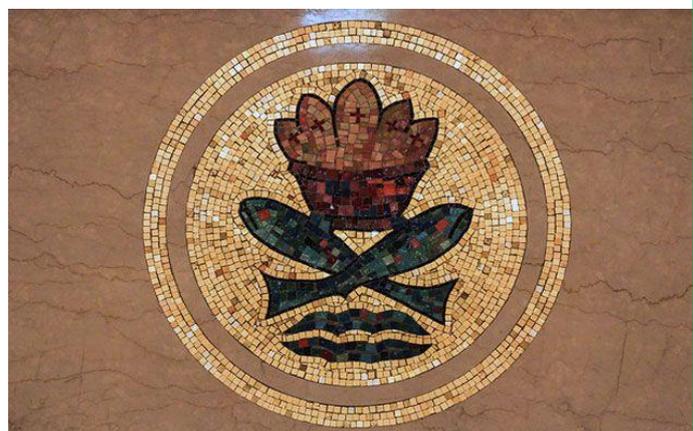
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<i>Date</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 1 August StF Vigil Mass 18.00	<b>St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop</b>	
Sun 2 August 9am OLOL 11am StF	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	People of the Parishes
	<b>Ordinary Time, Week 18</b>	
Mon 3 August		
Tues 4 August	<b>St John Vianney, Priest</b>	
Wed 5 August		
Thurs 6 August	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>The church will be open from 10 am – 12pm StF</b>
Fri 7 August		
Sat 8 August StF Vigil Mass 18.00	<b>St Dominic, Founder</b>	Private Intention
Sun 9 August 9am 11am	<b>NINETEENTH 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.

**Matthew 14:13-21**

The gospel reading from Matthew tells a story of hungry people "hearing", following Jesus, and enjoying an abundance of life-sustaining food. In other words, Matthew presents Jesus as the one who makes the Isaian dream a reality for those who hunger and thirst both literally and figuratively. The passage echoes key aspects of Israel's history. Jesus retreats to a "desert" place, recalling the experience of God's people in the wilderness of Sinai. Those who follow Jesus find life-restoring food in the desert, evoking the manna that God provided for the hungry in the Sinai desert. Jesus has compassion for people struggling with disease and thirsting for the means to live. In biblical terms, compassion is always accompanied by action for restorative justice. Jesus heals the sick and creates a structure for the sharing of resources. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples offer a simple solution: "Send them away." Sending the desperate away is a travesty of gospel compassion in a way of life that claims Eucharist as its central tenet. It has, sadly, been part of our national response to many hungering and thirsting for life and security. Jesus refuses such a solution and invites his disciples instead to take some personal responsibility for the situation. The gospel invites us as contemporary disciples to attend to food security in our world and to address ways of meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating poverty and hunger by 2030. Informing ourselves on the issues might be one place to begin. Another might be to check supplies before shopping for more food than we need.

Sr Veronica Lawson

**Pope's Intention for August  
The Maritime World**

**We pray for all those who work and live  
from the sea, among them sailors,  
fishermen and their families**

**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.

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

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**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>

**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**