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| <i>Date</i> | <i>Feast of the Day</i> | <i>Mass Intention</i> |
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| Sat 8 August StF Vigil Mass 18.00 | St Dominic, Founder | Private Intention |
| Sun 9 August 9am OLOL 11am StF | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | People of the Parishes |
| | Ordinary Time, Week 19 | |
| Mon 10 August | ST LAWRENCE, Deacon, Martyr | |
| Tues 11 August | St Clare, Foundress | |
| Wed 12 August | | |
| Thurs 13 August | The church will be open from 10 am – 12pm StF | Joaquim Paul de Sonza RIP |
| Fri 14 August | St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Religious, Priest | |
| Sat 15 August StF Vigil Mass 18.00 | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Colin Mullens RIP |
| Sun 16 August 9am 11am | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 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. 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

Matthew 14: 22-33

Three of the gospel writers, Matthew, Mark and John, give us an account of Jesus walking on the waters. It is an extraordinary miracle, which seems to be a manifestation of the power of Jesus. The Old Testament reading chosen to accompany this gospel is the revelation of God to Elijah in the 'sound of a gentle breeze', the 'still, small voice'. The evangelists place the story of the walking on the water directly after the multiplication of the loaves. Just as the loaves miracle reminds us of the provision of manna in the desert, the walking on the sea recalls God's power over the sea at the Exodus.

Matthew's account of the miracle has two special features. When he attempts to walk on the water, Peter is overcome with doubt and is upheld by Jesus. The gospel in which Peter is entrusted with authority also testifies to his vulnerability. In Matthew's version too the story ends with a declaration of faith by the disciples. While in Mark's version they remain confused and questioning, here they declare Jesus to be 'the Son of God'. Matthew is surely indicating how Christians should understand this story.

Father Adrian Graffy

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 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.

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