

St Francis de Sales Church
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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

TWENTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME - Year A

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 15 Aug	6 pm	St F	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MARY	Colin Mullens RIP
Sun 16 Aug	9 am	OLOL		
	11 am	St F		Private Intention
Mon 17 Aug			Feria	
Tues 18 Aug	12 noon	St F	Feria	
Wed 19 Aug	12 noon	OLOL	Feria	
Thurs 20 Aug	9.30 am	St F	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	
Fri 21 Aug	10 am 12 Noon	St F	St Pius X, Pope	

TWENTY-FIRST OF ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Sat 22 Aug	6 pm	St F	The Queenship of Mary	
Sun 23 Aug	9 am	OLOL	Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	
	11 am	St F		For the Parish

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

Luke 1: 39-56

There is of course no gospel reading which narrates the Assumption into heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her sharing body and soul in the risen life of her Son. St Paul, in the second reading for the feast, speaks of Christ as the 'first-fruits' from the dead, and then of 'those who belong to him', who follow him into life. We can consider Mary to be the first among these, for she was the first to respond to the call to serve Christ.

The gospel reading demonstrates with what faith and generosity she answered God's call. She visits her cousin Elizabeth, filled with a spirit of prayer and praise, which is spelled out at length in her song of joy, the *Magnificat*. God's mercy to Abraham and his descendants, of which she sings, is a fidelity which never ends and which leads God's faithful people, body and soul, into the life of God.

The inexpressible glory of the risen life bestowed on Mary is suggested in the vision of the woman 'adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with twelve stars on her head' from the Book of Revelation, which has traditionally been used to celebrate the glory Mary receives through her being 'assumed' body and soul into the presence of God

Father Adrian Graffy

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!

Parish Administrator: Yvonne Eaton
The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm.

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.

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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

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