

**St Francis de Sales Church**  
**Warren Lodge, Warren Road, Wash**  
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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,**  
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**Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes**

**TWENTY- THIRD 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 5 Sept	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time</b>	Martin O' Neil RIP & Maura O' Neil
Sun 6 Sept	9:00 am 11:00 am	OLOL St F		
Mon 7 Sept			Feria	
Tues 8 Sept			<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MARY</b> , feast	Michael RIP
Wed 9 Sept	Noon- 4:00 pm	OLOL	Adoration	
Thurs 10 Sept	10:00 am - Noon	St F	Feria Reconciliation 10.30 - 11.15	Deirdre McNair Wilson
Fri 11 Sept			Feria	

**TWENTY-FOURTH OF ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

Sat 12 Sept	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time</b>	
Sun 13 Sept	9:00 am 11:00 am	OLOL St F		Keiran Byrne's 9 <sup>th</sup> Birthday

**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.

## MATHEW 18:15-20

The Gospel of Matthew contains five great speeches of Jesus, in which it appears that the evangelist has gathered together the teaching of Jesus on particular themes. Chapter 18 of the gospel contains the 'community discourse', which deals with issues relevant to the daily life of the church.

The question of correction of those who do wrong cannot be avoided. It is the responsibility of Fellow-Christians to challenge and correct. The prophet Ezekiel deals with a similar issue: the responsibility of the prophet to confront wickedness. In both cases there is a need to speak the truth in difficult circumstances.

The gospel passage goes on to speak of the authority of the church to 'bind and loose', which is precisely the authority given to Peter earlier in his dialogue with Christ in chapter 16. Peter must always speak for and with the church, for and with the community of those who follow Christ. Finally, Jesus tells us of his presence when even two or three gather in his name. We are encouraged to listen to others before making decisions about the life of the church.

St Paul's words in the second reading are surely relevant here: 'Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.' Love might be defined as acting for the good of the other person. In dealing with sensitive issues in the life of the church love must always be the guide, but it is sometimes quite difficult to work out what love requires.

Father Adrian Graffy

### Pope's Intention for September

#### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner

### 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.

### 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.

**SAFEGUARDING:** If you have any safeguarding concerns re a child or vulnerable adult please contact Maureen Hudd, Parish Safeguarding Representative on 07880 730691.

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**Room needed - can you help?** Spanish female looking to rent a room in a shared house or family, required by the end of September. Ideally within walking distance of St Gabriel's School. Please contact [mmartinbo97@hotmail.com](mailto:mmartinbo97@hotmail.com) or speak to Lucy Tyler for more information.

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