

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

TWENTY-NINTH 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 17 Oct	6:00 pm	St F	Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
Sun 18 Oct	9:00 am	OLOL		Wilfred & Francis Fothergill RIP
	11:00 am	St F		People of the Parish
Mon 19 Oct			Feria	
Tues 20 Oct			Feria	
Wed 21 Oct	9:30 am	OLOL	Adoration Rosary Prayer & Reconciliation Mass	Jo Downey RIP
	10:00 am	OLOL		
Thurs 22 Oct	9:30 am	St F	Mass Adoration Rosary Prayer & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am	St F		
Fri 23 Oct			Feria	

THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Sat 24 Oct	6:00 pm	St F	Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	
Sun 25 Oct	9:00 am	OLOL		The Wallis Family
	11:00 am	St F		

My dear Parish Family

It is wonderful that we have been able to return to our churches and are able to celebrate Holy Mass and to receive The Lord in holy communion. We have been managed this by putting in place the safety measures required at this time such as sanitizing and cleaning, spacing and stewarding thus ensuring that our churches are one of the safest places to visit.

While many parishioners have returned to mass and holy communion others continue to follow our celebrations online.

I would like to invite more of you to return to Holy Mass, either at the weekend and/or on Thursday at St. Francis de Sales or on Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes. I would also ask that you invite fellow parishioners and others who may have been following us online to come to mass. You will all be most welcome, and I look forward to seeing more of you again.

God bless you all Fr. Zbigniew

MATHEW 22:15-21

In our reading of the Gospel of Matthew we continue to hear of incidents during the ministry of Jesus in Jerusalem in the time leading up to his death and resurrection. There is an atmosphere of foreboding. There are plots to trap Jesus in order to bring charges against him. Jesus repeatedly reprimands the Jewish leaders for their unwillingness to listen to him.

The Pharisees attempt to 'trap Jesus in what he said'. The issue is that of the rightness of paying taxes. Palestine was under the rule of the Roman empire. Was it right to pay taxes to this pagan power machine? The question is like those asked of politicians and church leaders today to try to get them to give simple answers to complex questions. Jesus throws the question back to the questioners. He knows that the intention is to catch him out and does not engage in any debate.

Jesus' response is: 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.' As Christians we cannot cut ourselves off from the affairs of the world, but we should never compromise our beliefs and values. Our decisions and our loyalties must be decided by what furthers the 'common good'.

Fr Adrian Graffy

Pope's Intention for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church

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.

Confirmation in our Pastoral Area. We are hoping that we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Pastoral Area during 2021 and we are therefore making arrangements to prepare our young parishioners for this. If you are in school year 9 and above, you are invited to add your name to our preparation list. Please email the parish office, with your name and date of birth and we will be in contact with you.

With my prayers Fr. Zbigniew Budyn

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

Please pray for Father Pat who is sick at Royal Berkshire Hospital

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.

100 Club -

Support parish charities while having a chance to win a monthly prize! There has been a delay to the renewals this year, but we are now able to start the renewal process. Existing members please look out for your renewal notice which has been sent by email or post. New members welcome - if you would like to join please email Lucy Tyler on t.r.tyler@btinternet.com. Thank you for your support!

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

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

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.

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.

<p>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</p>
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