

St Francis de Sales Church
Warren Lodge, Warren Road, Wash
Common, Newbury RG14 6NH

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,
Hungerford, RG17 0AF

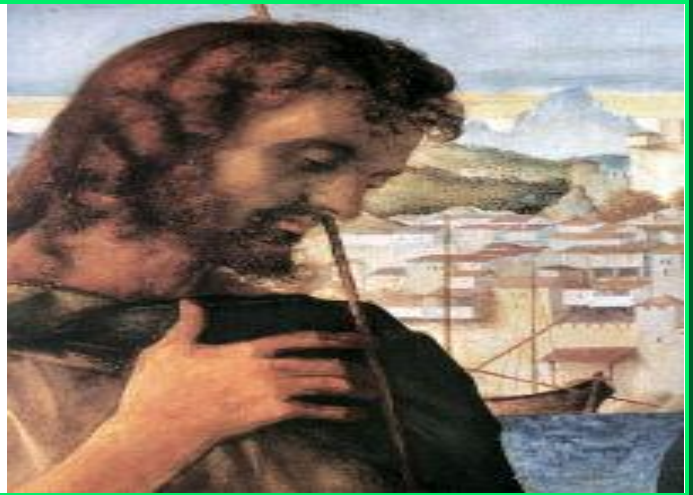
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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 5 Dec	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 6 Dec	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon 7 Dec			St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
Tues 8 Dec			THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY	
Wed 9 Dec	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Thurs 10 Dec	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10.30 am	St F St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri 11 Dec	6:00 pm	OLOL	Reconciliation St Damasus 1,	

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY - Year B

Sat 12 Dec	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 13 Dec	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

Sunday Mass is streamed live via our website, at <http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live> and starts at 10am each Sunday.

Register to attend Christmas Mass, at <https://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live/register>

Pope's Intention for December

For a life of prayer
 We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

MARK 13 1:8

This reading invites us to prepare for God's advent by ritualising metanoia (usually translated as "repentance"), and thus being ready for the one who comes. The translation "repentance" does not convey the nuances of the Greek term metanoia, which literally means a "change of mind" and suggests an "expansion of horizons". God's advent demands a new mindset that will predispose us to receive the gift of God's forgiveness and be open to feel the pain of earth as well as the pain of those rendered poor. Mark's depiction of John evokes the image of the prophet Elijah in 2 Kings 8 and the "hairy mantle" of the prophet in Zechariah 13:4. John is a prophet who, like the prophets of old, calls God's people to reconsider where they stand in relation to God. He is also the one who heralds the advent of the "stronger" one who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit". Yet there is nothing in the subsequent narrative about Jesus baptizing. As we reflect attentively on Mark's gospel this liturgical year, we might discover for ourselves the meaning of that reference.

Sr Veronica Lawson

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) Annual Christmas Appeal

The Pandemic has not stopped our local SVP from doing what it can to help those in need. Thus, thanks to the generous and invaluable support of our fellow parishioners we have, for example, during 2020, been able to give badly needed practical assistance to 56 Adults, and 41 children. Sadly most of these children being the innocent victims of domestic abuse.

Please help us to continue the work of the SVP during these very difficult & uncertain times for so many in our community by sending donations to Mr Reg Clements, 19, Dickens Walk, Greenham, Newbury, RG14 7UQ (Making cheques payable to: "SVP Newbury")

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, Broniek (father of Anna Brooks), Christopher & Robert Brown, Tim Burke-Gaffney, Lucy Curtis, Mary Dykes, Emma, Joe Emery, Maria Hall, Sam Hearn, June & Jo Howard, 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.

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

CAFOD World Gifts

This Christmas why not buy gifts that will change lives and bring happiness! CAFOD's World Gifts are a range of virtual gifts that transform the lives of those living in poverty overseas. New gifts this year included Keep Clean £6 (soap and washing powder for family) and Emergency Food £50 so please look online <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> Many thanks for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS Fr Zbigniew continues to say daily Mass and includes all booked Mass Intentions. If you would like Fr Zbigniew to include a Mass Intention, please contact the office.

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

Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993
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Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name

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

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