

St Francis de Sales Church
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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

THIRD 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 12 Dec	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 13 Dec	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		The people of the Parish
Mon 14 Dec			St John of the Cross	
Tues 15 Dec				
Wed 16 Dec	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
	10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL		
Thurs 17 Dec	9:30 am	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am 10:00 am - 10.30 am	St F		
Fri 18 Dec	6:30 pm	St F	Reconciliation	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY - Year B

Sat 19 Dec	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 20 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.

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.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) Annual Christmas Appeal

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Our gospel reading from the Gospel of John today offers two separate sections from the first chapter of the gospel. What holds them together is that they both deal with John the Baptist and both sections speak of him as 'a witnesses.

The first three verses of this passage are an extract from the great prologue to the gospel, which begins with the words, 'In the beginning was the Word'. In speaking of the entry into the world of the Word of God, the Son sent by the Father, the writer cannot avoid speaking also of John the Baptist, but he makes it quite clear that John was a witness. He was not the Word-Light himself, but only 'a witness to speak for the light'.

The second section of the gospel passage comes immediately after the prologue and gives us details of how John bore his witness to Jesus. It is a characteristic of John that he always points to the one who is greater. He insists that he is simply 'a voice crying in the wilderness'. He dismisses all the speculation, that he himself might be the Christ, or the prophet to come. His whole ministry is to prepare the way, by baptising with a baptism of repentance, and by proclaiming the coming of the one who truly is the Messiah. To bear witness is the task of every Christian. We bear the name of Christ. Bearing witness to him means bringing his light and truth to those in darkness.

Fr Adrian Graffy

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.

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

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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.

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.

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.