

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

FOURTH 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 19 Dec	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Ryszard Filipiak RIP
Sun 20 Dec	9:00 am	OLOL		Edgar Vincent RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The people of the Parish
Mon 21 Dec				
Tues 22 Dec				
Wed 23 Dec	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Thurs 24 Dec	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 9:30 pm - 12.00 am	St F OLOL St F St F	Masses	
Fri 25 Dec	9:00 am 11:00 am	OLOL St F	Masses	
THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - Year B				
Sat 26 Dec	11:00 am 6:00 pm	St F St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 27 Dec	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

Note from Parish Finance Committee

As you all know, we have not been able to take up our normal collections during Mass for some months since last March. As a result, our normal parish income has fallen considerably. Those of you with Standing Orders have continued to support us very generously as usual, for which we are very grateful. We would like to encourage as many parishioners as possible to set up standing orders, or to contribute a cash donation into the basket at each door as you leave the church after Mass.

We have also added brand new DONATE options to our website in the last few days, both for our regular collection and for your kind Christmas donations to our very hard working parish priest, Fr. Zbigniew.

Please help us to continue God's work by supporting us financially
 Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993
 PRCDTR Newbury St Francis de Sales
 Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name

Luke 1:26-38

Our gospel reading is the story traditionally called 'the Annunciation'. Luke in fact begins his gospel with two annunciations, the first to Zechariah about the coming birth of his son John the Baptist, and the second to Mary. In both passages, the angel announces a birth and speaks of the greatness of the one who is to be born. In the case of Jesus: 'He will be called Son of the Most High.'

What lies at the very heart of this passage is the request of God to Mary and her generous response, by which she allows the Son of God to become a human being within her. Mary hears the word of God and accepts the gift of the child, who is the Word, the Son of God. Paintings of the Annunciation often show Mary at prayer with the book of the Scriptures close by. She has come to know God through prayerful engagement with the Scriptures, and, at this crucial moment in the history of salvation, she responds generously to the call of God in her heart.

Mary was not aware where this would lead her. The words 'I am the handmaid of the Lord' are filled with trust that, whatever lies ahead, God will give her the grace to remain faithful. This willingness to do God's will makes her the first of the disciples of Jesus, and the Mother of the Church.

Fr Adrian Graffy

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

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.

Sunday Mass is streamed live via our website, at

<http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live> and starts at 11am each Sunday.

Register to attend Christmas Mass, at

<https://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live/register>

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.

Mary's Meals feeds desperately hungry children with a daily meal in school. We want to provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a lifechanging meal. Until 31 January 2021, the UK government will match donations to our Double the Love campaign. Please be generous: www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove

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, David Kennedy 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

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.