

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

THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - Year B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 26 Dec	11:00 pm 6:00 pm	St F St F	Sunday Mass	James Donnelly RIP
Sun 27 Dec	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Mary & Joseph Carroll RIP
Mon 28 Dec			THE HOLY INNOCENTS	
Tues 29 Dec			ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	
Wed 30 Dec				
Thurs 31 Dec				
Fri 1 Jan	10:00 am 12:00 Noon	OLOL St F	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS				
Sat 2 Jan	11:00 am 6:00 pm	St F St F	Sunday Mass	Fr Bernard Medd RIP
Sun 3 Jan	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Andrew Lavery RIP

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

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Luke 2:22-40

Luke depicts Mary and Joseph as observant Jews bringing their child to the Jerusalem Temple in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Law, even if the Law actually applied only to the woman who had given birth and not to the man. Two prophetic figures, Anna and Simeon, recognise God's saving and redemptive purpose at work in the presence of this child who is presented in the Temple. Luke insists that Mary and Joseph have fulfilled the demands of the Law before they return to their home in Nazareth. Growing up in Nazareth in the care of Mary and Joseph, the child Jesus grows to maturity, is filled with wisdom and God's favour is with him. Luke's summary statement introduces us to the wonderful world of a grace-filled family home. It invites us to ponder the wisdom that both Mary and Joseph had to share with their child. They taught him to pray and told him the stories of his people. They filled him with wonder at the goodness of God and of God's creation. They mediated the grace and favour of God and watched him grow and gain the strength he needed for life. They allowed him the freedom he needed to develop his own personality and to find his own Spirit-filled way on the earth. Finally, they had to let him go so that he might follow a path that was beyond their imagining when they brought him to the Temple in fulfilment of the Law. In other words, they did what so many parents would want to do for their children

Sr Veronica Lawson

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 life changing 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.