

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

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,**  
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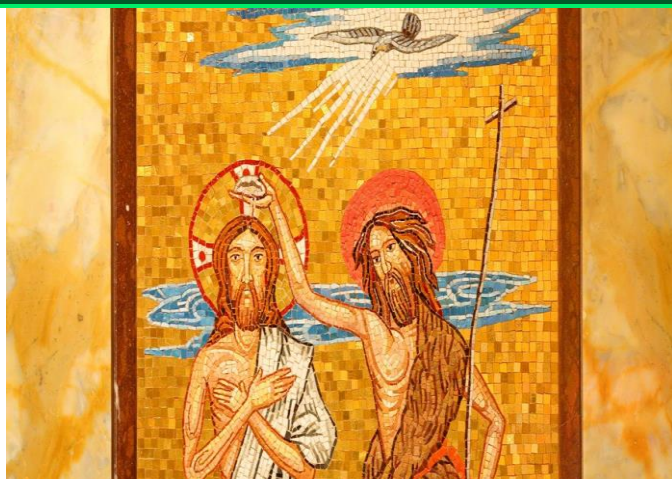
**Web Site: [www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk](http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk)**

**Registered Charity Number 246871**

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

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year B**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 9 Jan	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Monica Stetick RIP
Sun 10 Jan	9:00 am	OLOL		Sheila O' Sullivan RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Sally Lees RIP
Mon 11 Jan				
Tues 12 Jan				
Wed 13 Jan	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	David Reynolds RIP
	10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL		
Thurs 14 Jan	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am - 10:30	St F		
Fri 15 Jan				

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- Year B**

Sat 16 Jan	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	
Sun 17 Jan	9:00 am	OLOL		Neville Gill RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Chris & Ted Snook 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 a brand new DONATE option to our website for our regular collection.

**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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## MARK 1:7-11

The baptism story is a commissioning story. The heavens are torn apart, evoking the prophetic hope of Isaiah 64:1 and foreshadowing the tearing of the curtain of the temple at Jesus' death (Mark 15:38). In other words, all the barriers between God and God's creation are now dismantled. Just as God's spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so now the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus in the form of a dove, giving birth to something entirely new. The God of the universe addresses Jesus as "my beloved Son". There are echoes here of the story of Isaac, the beloved son of Sarah and Abraham, the one through whom God's promises were to be fulfilled. Isaac is the ancestor of Israel who struggled with God. God's people have always struggled with God and will continue to do so. But God's favour continues to rest on God's creation just as it rests on Jesus of Nazareth, God's beloved. We take heart from this in face of a world that cries out for justice and compassion.

Veronica M. Lawson RSM

## JANUARY 2021

### Human fraternity

**May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all**

### 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.

**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.

### *Readers and Prospective Readers.*

*You are invited to attend these online diocesan workshops. Details are here*

*[:https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers](https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers)*

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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove)

### **St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) Annual Christmas Appeal**

The SVP would like to thank the Parish for their donations £1,985.00 has been raised.

**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.