

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 30 Jan	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 31 Jan	9:00 am	OLOL		For five friends who died from COVID and their grieving Families
	11:00 am	St F		God's Blessing for Lisa and Family
Mon 1 Feb				
Tues 2 Feb	9:30 am	OLOL	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
	11:00 am	St F		
Wed 3 Feb				
Thurs 4 Feb	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am - 10:30	St F		
Fri 5 Feb			St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Sat 6 Feb	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Michal RIP
Sun 7 Feb	9:00 am	OLOL		Timothy Ruane RIP
	11:00 am	St F		For God's blessing for Sandy & Kit

Dear families of St Francis de Sales,

Lent is fast approaching and yet again we are unable to have our wonderful, fun preparation day. So let's all try to do the best we can, reach out to one another, encourage each other to make Lent an active journey with Jesus to Easter.

Let's make a start in rebuilding our community, ready for the end of lockdown.

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE, MAKE THE JOURNEY TOGETHER.

We hope and pray that many of you will respond. Please email the Parish Office (washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Teresa Dykes (ma.pa.dykes@gmail.com) with your name and home address so that activity packs can be delivered to your door.

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

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MARK 1:21-28

After the call of the first disciples, the evangelist tells us of a healing worked by Jesus, the first miracle in this gospel. He reaches Capernaum, a busy town by the Sea of Galilee, which he made the centre for his ministry. His teaching impressed the people, for it was given with authority, with conviction. Jesus spoke the truth without fear. The people are even more astonished by the healing of the man who was 'possessed by an unclean spirit'.

The initial part of the gospel is dominated by the words and the actions of Jesus. The healing actions show the power of God, while the teaching proclaims the coming of the kingdom. Jesus' powerful deeds confirm the message of the coming of the kingdom of God.

The sick man was probably suffering from some kind of mental illness, and considered to be 'possessed'. All sickness was considered evil and in some way the work of Satan. The sick man was somehow a victim of evil. By healing him Jesus challenges and conquers the power of Satan. He demonstrates that the kingdom is near.

The reading from the book of Deuteronomy includes the words of Moses that God would one day raise up a great prophet, a prophet like Moses. This reading prepares us for the gospel reading and the fulfilment of that promise. Jesus, who is greater than Moses, speaks powerful words, words of truth, words which heal. The good news Jesus brings can change our lives as it changed the life of the sick man in the gospel.

Fr Adrian Graffy

Pope's Intention for 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.

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday "It's not enough to simply denounce racism, this is a time to act. In the words of Pope Francis: 'God asks us to dare to create something new.'" - Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice.

Our Journey in our Catholic Faith. The next meeting will be by Zoom on Thursday 4th February at 7.30 For further details contact <fjcon@btinternet.com> or 01635 40968

Garden tools for refugee families

locally. There are now 9 Syrian refugee families in West Berkshire and although they want to cultivate their gardens they are short of tools. If you have any of the following that you no longer need perhaps you would consider donating them for these families? At the moment we need shears, large and small forks, trowels, spades, secateurs, rakes and potting compost. Please contact Eleanor on 254700 or eleanor.mullens@gmail.com - many thanks

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for Courtney Andrews, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, Bronek (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

Sunday Mass is streamed live via our website, at <http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live> and starts at 11am each Sunday.

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.

