

**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**

**FIFTH 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 6 Feb	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Michal RIP
Sun 7 Feb	9:00 am	OLOL		Timothy Ruane RIP
	11:00 am	St F		For God's blessing for Sandy & Kit
Mon 8 Feb				
Tues 9 Feb				
Wed 10 Feb			<b>St Scholastica, Virgin</b>	
Thurs 11 Feb	9:30 am -	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	Olwyn Brian RIP
	10:00 am -	St F		
	10:30 12.00 Noon	OLOL	Mass	Charles Westlake RIP
			<b>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</b>	

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B**

Sat 13 Feb	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Denise & Sandra two sisters who died from COVID RIP
Sun 14 Feb	9:00 am	OLOL		The welfare of Joseph Grant
	11:00 am	St F		Baby Mary and her Family

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.

We hope and pray that many of you will respond. Please email the Parish Office ([washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) or Teresa Dykes ([ma.pa.dykes@gmail.com](mailto:ma.pa.dykes@gmail.com)) with your name

and home address so that activity packs can be delivered to your door.

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## MARK 1:29-39

Jesus leaves the synagogue and moves, in the company of two of his new disciples, to the house of Simon and Andrew. In other words, he shifts from a long established gathering place for God's people to a prospective new locus of communal engagement, the house church. This new locus does not preclude the older locus: Jesus continues to teach and heal in the synagogues throughout Galilee. In this new place of encounter with God, Jesus heals a woman with a "fever" who is identified only in relation to her son-in-law, Simon. Jesus takes her by the hand and raises her up. She is the first human character in the Markan gospel story who is said to "minister". In other words, the love of God working through Jesus draws her beyond herself to engage in a ministry of leadership in the community of God's people. Earlier in Mark's gospel we heard that angels "ministered" to Jesus in the desert. In other words, God looked after Jesus as he began his mission of bringing God's love into a broken world. Jesus will later insist that he came "to minister" (10:45). This woman is caught up in the same mission of bringing the community to health and wholeness. That same evening, Simon's house becomes a magnet for "the whole city". Jesus heals their sick and afflicted and, early in the morning, seeks the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer. The disciples seek him out, as everyone is looking for him. Jesus makes it clear that he must move on and bring God's word and healing beyond the city to the neighbouring Galilean towns. God's word in this gospel story is for us as well as for those early disciples. Amid all the troubles besetting our world, we too must search out the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer, and engage with renewed energy and insight in whatever each new day brings.

**Sr Veronica Lawson**

Pope's Intention for February 2021

**For women who are victims of violence**

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of February sends a powerful message against the various kinds of violence against women, which he describes as the "degradation of all humanity

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 Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the Big Walk for Water [Join the Big Walk for Water! | CAFOD](#) virtual event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February. We are asking everyone to walk in solidarity with those who have to walk to collect water each day like Abdella from Ethiopia. You can walk 5 miles or just around your garden but please walk so that we can make this an event to create awareness of water poverty and to raise funds for those living in poverty around the world.

If you are a keen walker could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days to raise funds for CAFOD's Lent appeal. Find out more at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water> Please contact Jo for more information [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

**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.