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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 20 Feb	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 21 Feb	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Mary Winterbourne
Mon 22 Feb			ST DAVID, Religious, Bishop	Tony & Jose O'Sullivan RIP
Tues 23 Feb				
Wed 24 Feb	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Thurs 25 Feb	9:00 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	Lisa & Family
Fri 26 Feb				

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Sat 27 Feb	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Josephine O' Sullivan RIP
Sun 28 Feb	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Sean Snook & Family

We have the following guidance from Pope Francis and from our Catholic Bishops

The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems and also on our economic wellbeing.

Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.

We now blessed in having vaccines that are safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.

Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines **for the good of others and themselves.**

I would be happy to answer any particular concerns that you might have. Please keep safe and God Bless Fr Zbigniew

MARK 1:12-15

It is an ancient custom in the Church that the story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert should be read on the first Sunday of Lent. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. At the beginning of the forty days of Lent the Church always puts before us his time of solitude.

The temptation of Jesus is recounted in the three gospels known as 'synoptics', the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. While Matthew and Luke give an extended version of the tradition, telling us that Jesus fasted for forty days and reporting a dialogue between Jesus and the devil, Mark simply gives the outline of the story.

Jesus has just received baptism from John in the river Jordan and he is filled with the Spirit. This same Spirit drives him into the wilderness, the place of desolation and loneliness, thought to be the habitat of evil spirits. Jesus' forty days in the desert remind us of the forty day journey of the prophet Elijah to the holy mountain where his call is renewed in the 'still, small voice'. We may even compare Jesus' stay in the wilderness with the forty years of wandering by Moses and the people.

The central statement is that Jesus was tempted. To be tempted is the fate of all human beings. That Jesus was tempted shows his humanity. He was 'like us in all things but sin'. He did not give way to temptation. Mark balances his statement about temptation with the laconic declarations 'he was with the wild beasts' and 'the angels looked after him'. The evangelist shows that this Son of Man is at peace with all creation and cared for by the providence of the Father. Fr Adrian Graffy

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.

Family Lent Update

With busy family and start of the Lent I've been doing bit of a research how could I make the Lent journey more interesting for them. I came across a lovely webpage:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/what-to-give-up-for-lent/>

And found this really lovely Lent calendar and lent resolutions to help children mark their goals and follow the journey towards Easter.

Maybe it might help and encourage other families in helping children understand what this time is about. **Have a peaceful and fruitful Lent. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR IDEAS**

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

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The Confirmation programme is going well during lockdown. The St Francis De Sales candidates, Izzy, Luke and Ralph are working through their sessions online along with the other candidates across the pastoral area.

During Lent the Confirmation group are raising money for the CAFOD water appeal. They will be walking 10000 steps during Lent. We encourage you to donate money on the just giving page to help those who walk 10 hours a day to collect water for their families. You can also take part yourself in the 'Walk for Water'. Cafod have produced a video about the appeal which you can see on the parish website or alternatively visit the Cafod website: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

The link to our Just Giving page is below.

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/woolhampton-and-st-francis-de-sales-confirmat>

Thank you all for your support.

SAFEGUARDING: If you have any safeguarding concerns re a child or vulnerable adult please contact Maureen Hudd, Parish Safeguarding Representative on 07880 730691.

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

Cafod Events

[Register](#) to join us.

[Stations of the Cross](#)

Every Friday throughout Lent, 11am

This Lent, we will walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world.

Join us as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope.

[Register](#) to the series.

Missed one of our online events?

Recordings are available of past online meetings, including an inspirational talk from Maria, our Head of International Development, just visit www.cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks and click 'Watch recordings'.

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