

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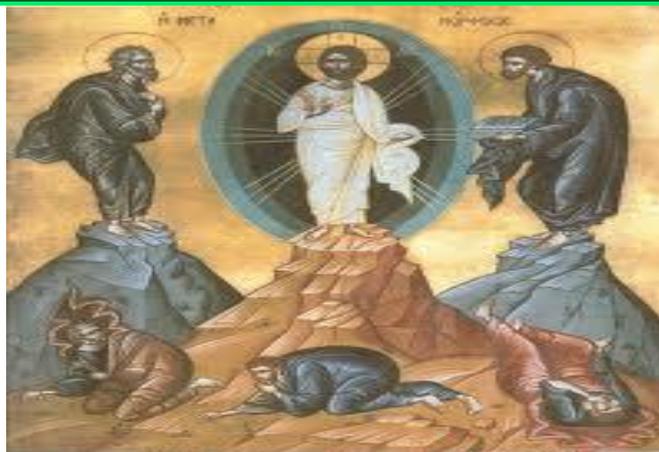
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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

SECOND 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 27 Feb	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Josephine O' Sullivan RIP
Sun 28 Feb	9:00 am	OLOL		PatJoe Enright RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Sean Snook & Family
Mon 1 Mar			ST DAVID, Religious, Bishop	
Tues 2 Mar				Tim O' Sullivan RIP
Wed 3 Mar	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Thurs 4 Mar	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	Private Intention
Fri 5 Mar				

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Sat 6 Mar	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun 7 Mar	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Ted & Chris Snook RIP

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 9:2-10

It is an ancient tradition that the story of the transfiguration of Jesus is read on the Second Sunday of Lent. This mysterious story tells of a strange transformation in the appearance of Jesus which profoundly affects the three chosen disciples. In addition, they see a vision of Moses and Elijah and they hear the voice of God.

To understand this gospel and its place in the early days of Lent we need to observe that this experience comes as Jesus begins his journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. All three 'synoptic' gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke highlight this journey of Jesus and relate how, even though he foresees his death and resurrection, he remains determined to go to Jerusalem where he will face arrest, trial and crucifixion. The disciples accompany him in a state of reluctance and bewilderment.

The strange vision gives the disciples a glimpse of the future which lies beyond suffering and death. Both Moses and Elijah are said in ancient writings to have been taken up to live in the presence of God. Their testimony confirms the hope of the resurrection.

God's voice recalls the baptism scene as once again Jesus is proclaimed to be the beloved Son of God. There the Father had commended him as Jesus, the sinless one, began his ministry by sharing in the baptism 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Now the Father again approves of the Son as he courageously begins his journey to the place of martyrdom.

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.

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.

A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Fr Zbigniew for Sunday 28th February from all the Parish

Our Journey in our Catholic Faith.

The next meeting will be by Zoom on Thursday 4th March at 7.30

For further details to join please contact <fjcon@btinternet.com> or 01635 40968

Parish Administrator: Yvonne Eaton
The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm

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

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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.

CAFOD Lent Appeal. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or phone 0303 303 3030 or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT 5 to 70460 to donate £5 or Text LENT 10 to 70460 to donate £10* or LENT 20 to 70460 to donate £20 .Many thanks for your support.

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

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

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.