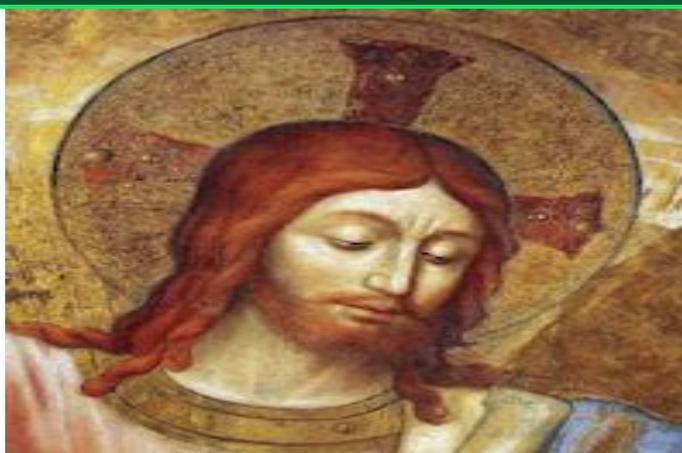


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

| Date | Time | Place | Feast of the Day | Mass Intention |
|--------------|---|-------|--|---------------------|
| Sat 20 Mar | 6:00 pm | St F | Sunday Mass | |
| Sun 21 Mar | 9:00 am | OLOL | | |
| | 11:00 am | St F | | |
| Mon 22 Mar | | | | |
| Tues 23 Mar | | | | |
| Wed 24 Mar | 9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30 | OLOL | Adoration & Reconciliation Mass | Brenda Thompson RIP |
| Thurs 25 Mar | 9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am | | Mass Adoration & Reconciliation THE ANNUCIATION OF THE LORD | Private Intention |
| Fri 26 Mar | 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00pm - 7.30 pm | OLOL | Mass Adoration & Reconciliation | |

PALM SUNDAY - Year B

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| Sat 27 Mar | 6:00 pm | St F | Sunday Mass | |
| Sun 28 Mar | 9:00 am | OLOL | | |
| | 11:00 am | St F | | |

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.**

Please keep safe and God Bless Fr Zbigniew

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

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John 12: 20-33

Today's gospel tells us that among those who go up to Jerusalem to worship at the feast of Passover are some "Greeks". The reference is probably to a group known in the early church as "God-fearers", although that designation is found only in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. They were certainly interested in Judaism and, because of their active interest in the Jewish faith, were possibly better informed about many of the Jewish traditions than those who had been members of the Jewish community all their lives. God-fearers seem to have been among the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to join the early Christian Jewish movement, i.e. the Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah (or Christ). For Jesus, the arrival of these God-fearing Greeks signals his "hour". Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus has insisted that his "hour" had not yet come. Now that his message receives global acknowledgement, or in the words of the Pharisees, now that "the world has gone after him" (John 20:19), he can announce that the hour of his glorification has come. Characteristically, Jesus uses a potent agricultural image to capture the transformative nature of his imminent death: like the grain of wheat, he must go into the earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same is true for his followers: to be concerned only with self-preservation is to "lose" one's life; to give one's life is to "keep it for eternal life". **Veronica Lawson**

Pope's Intention March 2021

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

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.

Parish Administrator: Yvonne Eaton

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

FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

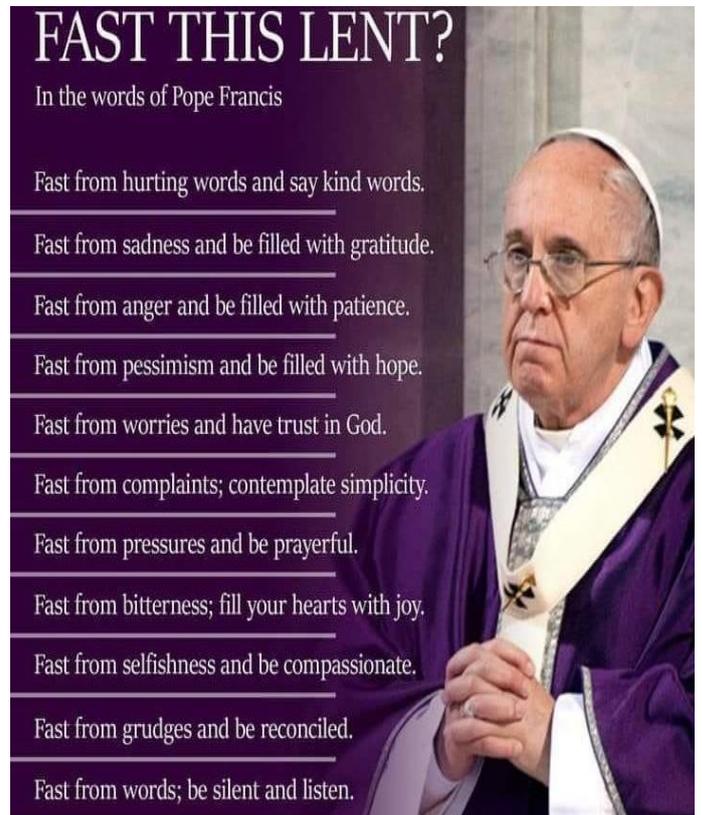
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



HELPING HANDS

We have a small group of people who will pray each day for the needs of our parish.

We can really make a difference by turning to God with all of our hopes, joys and sufferings, encouraging each other by our prayers, knowing that others are standing with us.

HELP

So far we have these requests sent in.

A family situation; A sick child; For employment; In thanksgiving; For mental health and well-being.

All requests are anonymous.

If you would like to join us, just send your email to the parish office entitled HELPING HANDS.

If you have a request send it to the parish office entitled HELP.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:- at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

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.

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

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.