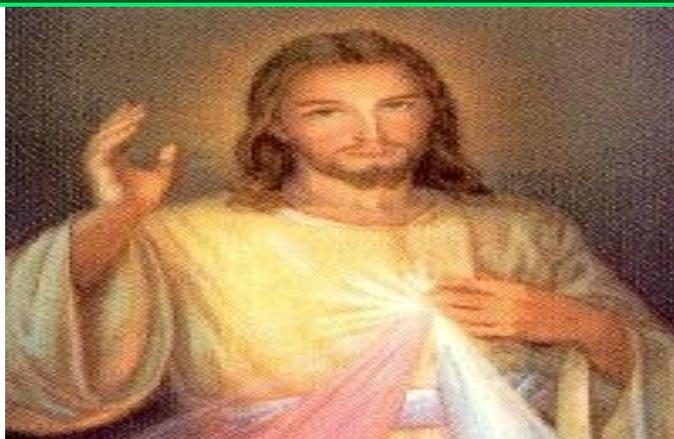


St Francis de Sales Church
 Warren Lodge, Warren Road, Wash
 Common, Newbury RG14 6NH
 Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Priory Road,
 Hungerford, RG17 0AF
 Web Site: www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk
 Registered Charity Number 246871
 Parish Priest: Revd Zbigniew Budyn
 telephone: 01635 40332
 Email: washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Apr 10	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Bernard Kilkenny RIP
Sun Apr 11	9:00 am	OLOL		Winifred Gare RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Malcom Cantwell RIP
Mon Apr 12				
Tues Apr 13				
Wed Apr 14	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	Josephine O'Sullivan RIP
	10:00 am - 10:30		Mass	
Thurs Apr 15	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Mass	Mary Winterbourne RIP
	10:00 am - 10:30 am		Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Apr 16				
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER- Year B				
Sat Apr 17	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Bridgid, Kathleen and Maria Delaney
Sun Apr 18	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		John Connor RIP

Note from Parish Finance Committee

As you all know, we have not been able to take up our normal collections during Mass for some months since last March. As a result, our normal parish income has fallen considerably. Those of you with Standing Orders have continued to support us very generously as usual, for which we are very grateful. We would like to encourage as many parishioners as possible to set up standing orders, or to contribute a cash donation into the basket at each door as you leave the church after Mass.

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

Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993
 PRCDTR Newbury St Francis de Sales
 Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name

Pope's Intention April 2021

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis

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

John 20: 19-31

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves, and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace. The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first-hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We may do well to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We respond with love and generosity in times of crisis. How can we continue to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time"? Sr Veronica Lawson

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

A prayer for evangelisation in our parish

Most high and glorious God,
Give light to the darkness of our hearts,
Give right faith, certain hope and perfect charity to our evangelisation.
Lord, give us insight and wisdom,
That we might always discern your holy and true will for our parish, our pastoral area, your faithful and your lost sheep,
through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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 had 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.

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.