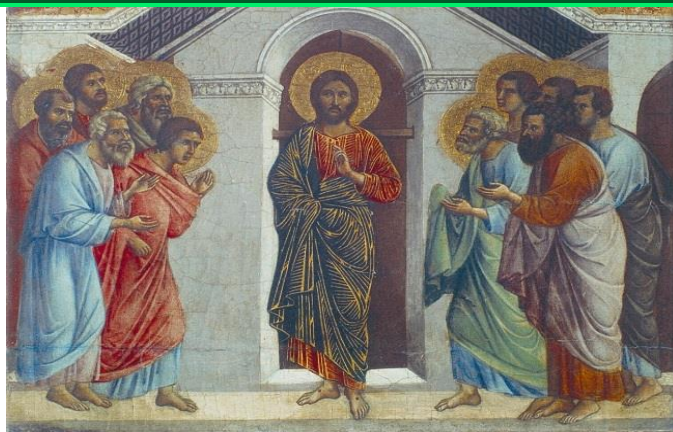


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**Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes**

**THIRD 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 17	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Bridgid, Kathleen and Maria Delaney
Sun Apr 18	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		John Connor RIP
Mon Apr 19				Bernard Kilkenny RIP
Tues Apr 20				
Wed Apr 21	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	For Christopher his health and well being
			<b>St Anselm</b> , Religious, Bishop	
Thurs Apr 22	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	Mass	Thomas Postlewaite RIP
			Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Apr 23			<b>ST GEORGE</b> , Patron of England	

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- Year B**

Sat Apr 24	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Patrick O'Sullivan RIP
Sun Apr 25	9:00 am	OLOL		Rita & Kevin Monaghan
	11:00 am	St F		LK Postlewaite 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**

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**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

## Luke 24:35-48

Before it concludes, the Gospel of Luke gives us an account of the appearance of Jesus to the eleven in Jerusalem and his departure from them. The two disciples who had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have given their report. Nevertheless, when Jesus appears, the disciples are still slow to believe. They were not gullible individuals, easily deceived. They struggle to comprehend what they are seeing.

Jesus demonstrates the reality of his risen body. Though transformed, he appears to them in bodily form. Jesus teaches them, as he taught the two disciples on the road, that the Scriptures can help them to grasp what has happened. The writings of the Law, Prophets and Psalms have been fulfilled. Israel's hopes and dreams of salvation have been realised. The challenge of faith invites all people to embrace a new life.

The disciples are sent out as witnesses to the world. The story of the spread of the gospel begins, and still continues today. The good news of Christ Risen must be told to all, beginning from Jerusalem and extending to the ends of the earth.

Fr Adrian Gaffney

**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 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.

**St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy.** She was born in 1905, and belonged to the Order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; she was a Polish Roman Catholic nun and mystic.

**Throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions of Jesus** and conversations with him, of which she wrote in her diary. On the night of Sunday, 22 February 1931, Jesus appeared to her as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his heart. In her diary she wrote that Jesus told her: « Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You" [ in Polish: "Jezu, ufam Tobie" ]. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.». - Jesus also told her that he wanted the Divine Mercy image to be «solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.». - Not knowing how to paint, Faustina approached some other nuns at the convent for help, but received no assistance. Only three years later, after her assignment to Vilnius, the first artistic rendering of the image was performed under her direction. The painting now hangs in Vilnius, Lithuania.

**Symbolic meaning:** The coloured rays streaming out from the heart of Jesus have symbolic meaning... red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls, and white for the Baptismal water which justifies souls. The brightest point in the picture is the heart. The light on the forehead signifies the presence of the Father. - The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.

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

### 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](http://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.