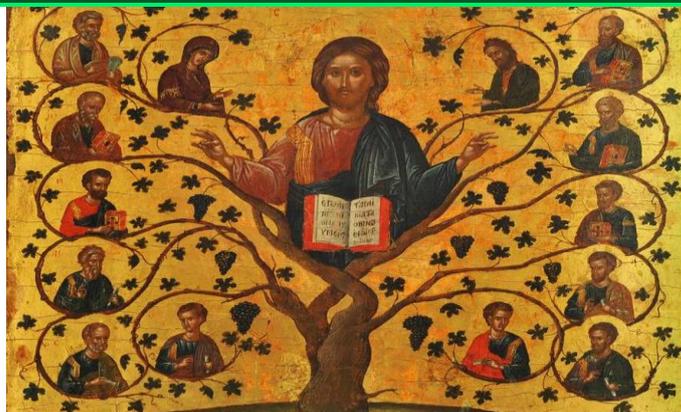


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat May 1	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Maureen & Christopher RIP
Sun May 2	9:00 am	OLOL		The Carlon Family
	11:00 am	St F		The Dykes Family
Mon May 3			Ss PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles	
Tues May 4			THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	
Wed May 5	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	Francis RIP
Thurs May 6	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	Joan O' Brien RIP
Fri May 7				

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- Year B

Sat May 8	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun May 9	9:00 am	OLOL		Nora Enright
	11:00 am	St F		Federico Garbanzos, Jr RIP

Podczas Wielkanocy, Papież Franciszek, powiedział:
 "Pandemia jest nadal w pełnym rozkwicie. Bardzo uciążliwy
 jest kryzys społeczny i gospodarczy, zwłaszcza dla
 najuboższych".

"Zmartwychwstały Chrystus jest nadzieją dla tych, którzy
 nadal cierpią z powodu pandemii, dla chorych i dla tych,
 którzy stracili bliskich. Niech Pan da im pocieszenie i
 wspiera trud lekarzy, pielęgniarzy i pielęgniarek. Wszyscy,
 zwłaszcza najstarsi, potrzebują pomocy i mają prawo, by
 mieć dostęp do niezbędnej opieki" - oświadczył papież.

Dodał, że jest to jeszcze bardziej widoczne w chwili, gdy
 wszyscy wezwani są do walki z pandemią, a podstawowym
 narzędziem w tej walce są szczepionki.

"W duchu internacjonalizmu szczepionek wzywam zatem całą
 wspólnotę międzynarodową do wspólnego zaangażowania, by
 przezwyciężyć opóźnienia w ich dystrybucji oraz ułatwić
 dzielenie się nimi, zwłaszcza z krajami najuboższymi" -
 zaapelował.

Pope's Intention May 2021

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work
 with governments to regulate the financial sphere and
 protect citizens from its dangers

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 15:1-8

As the Easter season progresses our Sunday gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of John, which provides us with rich material for reflection on what Christ has done for us through his death and resurrection. We encounter this Sunday another image which Jesus uses to describe himself and his relationship with his disciples. Jesus is the true vine.

The symbol of the vine is found frequently in the Old Testament. The people of Israel are compared to a vine, which is supposed to bear abundant fruit. Jesus adopts the image to speak of the way in which he provides life for those who believe and follow him. He himself is the vine, and his followers are the branches. The process of growth and of bearing fruit is watched over by the Father, to whom the vine belongs.

The image of the vine is particularly effective because the branches cannot live without their attachment to the vine, neither can they be fruitful without the goodness provided by the vine. To live with Christ is to bear fruit. It is in drawing strength from Jesus that Christians can bear fruit in faith and good works.

The image also has its negative side. Branches which do not bear fruit are removed by the vinedresser and they are burnt. This development of the image invites us to consider the consequences of a refusal to be nourished by the kindness of God. Fr Adrian Graffy

Christian Aid Week 10-16 MAY
Envelopes in Church Porch 8-9 May

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 18th May 2021
If you would like to raise any questions please contact the Parish Office

Our Journey in our Catholic Faith.

The next meeting will be by Zoom on Thursday 6th May at 7.30

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

Joining Our Church

Several have recently made enquiries about joining our church and we have plans to start a further course of instruction in the early autumn to prepare them to enter the Church next Easter.

This course will be open to all who would like to learn more about our Faith. If you are interested and would like more information at this stage please speak to Father Zbigniew or contact the Parish office. You will all be most welcome.

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

WHAT ARE YOU DOING on Saturday 11th September? How about visiting some local churches and raising some funds as you do so?
The national Ride & Stride event takes place every year to raise funds for Berkshire Churches Trust, which makes generous grants to churches in need in the county. You can choose your own route and find sponsorship from friends and family; then walking, cycling, riding or even driving, see how many Berkshire churches you can visit between 10am and 6pm. We hope that many more churches than last year will be open and maybe serving refreshments to fuel your efforts. Your church will receive half of your sponsorship while the rest will go to Berkshire Churches Trust.
More details will be provided nearer to the event from your Parish co-ordinator.

Retrouvaille - a life line for married couples. Has Covid put you under more stress as a couple? This may be just what you need! Next weekend programme 1-4 July 2021. For more information Ring or Text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 (Complete confidentiality assured.) Or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com
www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Lock Down Road Map - Volunteers Needed

Help needed to clean windows, brass etc in the Church & Clear the Garden at the Front of the Church. This does not have to be a regular commitment an hour of your time will make a difference. Contact Parish Office for details

With thanks to Cath & Richard who have cleaned throughout lockdown.

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. For a Family under extreme stress

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.

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

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PRCDTR Newbury St Francis de Sales

Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name

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.