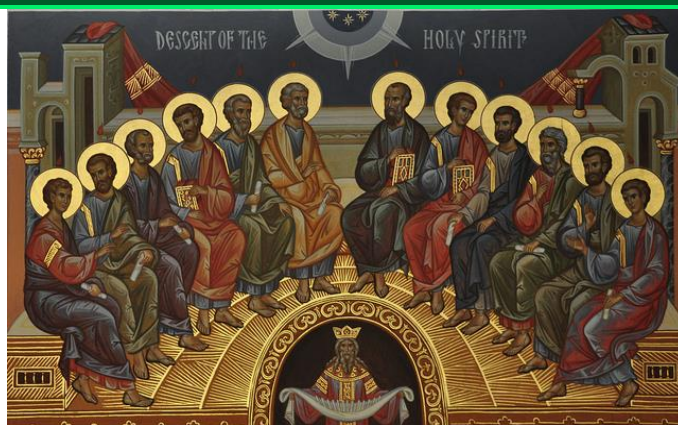


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year B

| Date | Time | Place | Feast of the Day | Mass Intention |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|---|--|
| Sat May 22 | 6:00 pm | St F | Sunday Mass | The People of the Parish |
| Sun May 23 | 9:00 am | OLOL | | Paul & Gilly Burrough 45 years of marriage |
| | 11:00 am | St F | | |
| Mon May 24 | | | | |
| Tues May 25 | | | | |
| Wed May 26 | 9:30 am - 10:00 am | OLOL | Adoration & Reconciliation Mass | |
| | 10:00 am - 10:30 | | | |
| Thurs May 27 | 9:30 am - 10:00 am | St F | Mass Adoration & Reconciliation OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST | |
| | 10:00 am - 10:30 | | | |
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| Fri May 28 | | | | |
| THE MOST HOLY TRINITY- Year B | | | | |
| Sat May 29 | 6:00 pm | St F | Sunday Mass | |
| Sun May 30 | 9:00 am | OLOL | | John Vincent Browne RIP |
| | 11:00 am | St F | | |

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 anyone who would like to learn more about our Faith or anyone who has for example been Baptised but not made their First Communion or have never been Confirmed. If you are interested or know someone who might be 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.

Please pray for Aisling, Bruno, Kristen, Mariana, Maria, Olivia, Ralph, Samuel Isabel and Luke as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Douai Abbey on the Feast of Pentecost Pray also for their parents and catechists and for all who have helped them on their Faith Journey.

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 20:19-23

This gospel reading for the feast of Pentecost has already been read, in a more extended form, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was read then to include Jesus' encounter with Thomas 'eight days later'. On the feast of Pentecost we have the opportunity to focus on the earlier verses, in which Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The account of the day of Pentecost is found in our first reading, from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after the resurrection there was a spectacular manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Jews and proselytes, gathered from the nations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, witness the power of the Spirit and hear the preaching of the apostles each in his own tongue. This event launches the mission to the whole world.

Our gospel teaches that the Holy Spirit was also given by the risen Christ before the events of Pentecost. This is a quieter and more intimate demonstration of the power of the Spirit. It is related to the preaching of forgiveness and the possibility of new life for those who ask for it. The disciples are empowered to bring the forgiveness of Christ, but it is possible for people to reject this forgiveness. This seems to be the sense of the final verse, that some have their sins retained.

This is the final day of the Easter period. The Lord who died on the cross has shown himself in his risen body. He has taken our humanity into the presence of the Father. He is no longer visibly present, but his Spirit is with us to remind us of Jesus and to lead us into all truth. **Fr Adrian Graffy**

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, Arthur Mitchell, Serafino Vagnarelli & Peter who ask for our prayers. *Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.*

**CHRISTIAN AID - OUR COLLECTION RAISED
£286.64**

SAFEGUARDING: If you have any safeguarding concerns re a child or vulnerable adult please contact Maureen Hudd, Parish Safeguarding Representative on 07880 730691.

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

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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The Passage Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of The Passage, will celebrate the 5.30 Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 25 May 2021 to mark 40 years of service to homeless people. The Mass will be broadcast live online, so if you would like to follow the service from home, the link is:

<https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/> If you would like to attend the Mass in person, this may be possible, but the Cathedral has a strict limit under the current Covid regulations. Please register your interest with us and we will let you know on Monday 24th May if a place is available. Please contact andrew.h@passage.org.uk

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.



Prayer Marathon

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative has the support of the Holy Father. The Rosary will be broadcast on Vatican News daily at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK time).

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

India Pandemic CAFOD is working with Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote Covid & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. Please donate online: cafod.org.uk/give and pray for the people of India and all affected by Covid-19.

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