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

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B**

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat June 12	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Philip Ayrton RIP
Sun June 13	9:00 am	OLOL		Amy Burnett RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Carolann Simmons RIP
Mon June 14				
Tues June 15				
Wed June 16	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Thurs June 17	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	Rhys Crossan
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Fri June 18				

**TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B**

Sat June 19	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Teresa and Christopher Davis
Sun June 20	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Celina, Dominika, Maciej, for God's Blessing

**Parish Pastoral Council**

With the gradual 'opening up' the PPC was able to meet recently in person after 20 months and to give thanks for our Parish staying alive and also to consider our pastoral plans as we take further steps towards a return to normality..

During this period of restriction we heard of the unstinting pastoral outreach of Fr. Zbigniew throughout our Parish and Pastoral Area. The fruits of this are with many returning to Mass and to the Sacraments. Key also has been the continuous support of many including several new volunteers with the Covid team, stewards, cleaners, readers, musicians, sacristy help, web management/ broadcasting. Confirmation preparation and Journey In Faith by zoom.

In looking forward we focused on the importance and centrality of the Sunday Eucharist particularly in this Year of the Eucharist and helping people to return to mass. A Tuesday evening Mass will be introduced.

The Sacramental programme with Baptism preparation, Youth Groups. First Holy Communion and RCIA programmes are starting in September.

We are reinstating Special Ministers assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion and also visiting parishioners who are sick and housebound, also reintroducing Bidding Prayers and coffee after mass. A report was received from the Finance and Property Committee on the state of our finances and arrangements are in hand for regular reporting to the Parish.

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

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## MARK 4:26-34

The evangelist Mark gathers together several of the parables of Jesus in what becomes chapter 4 of his gospel. Three of these parables speak of the growth of a seed. The parable of the Sower, which comes at the start of the chapter, considered different responses to the preaching of the word of God. The parables before us now are concerned with other aspects of growth.

The first of our parables, known as the parable of 'the seed growing secretly' is unique to Mark, found in no other gospel. Its meaning is clear. Jesus is saying that the work of the kingdom of God is mysterious and profound. We do not understand how God works in the world, and within the human heart. But the work of God will achieve its purpose. The harvest will come, provided we do not thwart it. Our second parable, the parable of the mustard seed, shows another dimension. The mustard seed is tiny, but the growth of the kingdom is great. The kingdom, like the mustard shrub, provides shelter and shade. The kingdom of God provides support and sustenance.

Mark ends this section of parables by speaking of Jesus' purpose in using parables. His intention was not to confuse but to explain the work of God in the world and in the human heart. Those who are open to understanding will gradually come to know more. The work of the grace of Christ is slow but deep.

### Pope's Intention June 2021

#### The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

#### Thought of the week

"A Christian who hides behind the notion that 'this is how it's always been done' is committing a sin, is idolatrous and disobedient, is living a half-hearted life, because his or her heart is closed to the newness of the Holy Spirit... Even traditional customs must be renewed in the newness of the Holy Spirit, in the surprises of God. The Lord gives us the grace of an open heart, of a heart open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, which can discern what must not change because it is fundamental from what has to change in order to be able to receive the newness of the Holy Spirit." (Pope Francis).

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

### 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, Bronck (father of Anna Brooks), Christopher & Robert Brown, Tim Burke-Gaffney, Lucy Curtis, Mary Dykes, Emma, Joe Emery, 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.*

**Please pray for the souls of Tarnia Webster who died on Sunday and Maria Hall who died last week.**

During Covid 19 the parish made the difficult decision not to move our First Holy Communion programme online, this means that we have a large number of children who would be ready to join our preparations to take First Holy Communion and make First reconciliation in 2022. If you would like to enrol your child into the programme please get in touch with the Parish Office you will then be sent a link for registration.

**Children should be in year 3 Date of birth between 01.09.2013 - 31.08.2014 or above at the start of the programme**

#### 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. Thanksgiving for miracles in a family. God made the impossible possible. 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.

**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 a difference**

Newbury Town Council are inviting young people to take part in a free online event . Working collaboratively with Berkshire Youth, Time To Talk West Berkshire, and Community United West Berkshire, Newbury Town Council are hosting 'Ask a Young Person' on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 4:30pm via Zoom.

The aim of this pilot event is for young people to take part in a round of short workshops to enable them to have a voice in their local community, by sharing their views, ideas and opinions to influence future activities, events and opportunities in and around Newbury. The Town Council are hoping that this will lead to identifying a group of young people to help advise them on youth policies in the future.

The workshops for the event have formed as a result of the 'Make Your Voice Heard!' survey released in January 2021 which received more than 230 individual responses. The themes that form the topic of these workshops are 'Things to Do & Places to Meet', 'Mental Health' and 'Inclusivity'. The event and the workshops will be facilitated by Berkshire Youth and Time to Talk.

Young people can find out more information, or to register your interest in taking part in this event, by visiting the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ask-a-young-person-registration-153648413541>

Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

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.

**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**

**On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July we will celebrate the First Holy Communion of our 2019/20 class these children have been on a very long journey and we would like you to keep them in your prayers. After the Mass at 11am we will host a special party for the children in the parish hall if you can help with this celebration either in preparing the church or with the party, please get in touch with Helen Cole on [helenharger07@gmail.com](mailto:helenharger07@gmail.com)**