

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat July 17	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun July 18	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon July 19				
Tues July 20				
Wed July 21	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	NO MASS	
Thurs July 22	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	NO MASS ST MARY MAGDALENE	
Fri July 23			ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B				
Sat July 24	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun July 25	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

A DOCUMENT HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES REGARDING COVID-19 ROUTE MAP: STEP 4 GUIDANCE. THIS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND AND HM GOVERNMENT PLACES OF WORSHIP TASK FORCE. AN UPDATE WILL FOLLOW IN NEXT WEEKS NEWSLETTER.

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

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

Pope's Intention July 2021

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship

Coffee after Mass

The past three Sundays we have had coffee after Mass and it will be available this Sunday.

We need to get a Rota of volunteers to prepare and serve drinks after Mass. We hope people who were on the Rota before the pandemic will resume coffee making but we also need additional volunteers in order to spread the load.

If you would like to join the coffee team or would like more information please contact the parish office

MARK 6: 30-34

The disciples have been sent out 'two by two' by Jesus in order to preach repentance and to heal the sick. After some time they return. While the evangelist normally refers to the followers of Jesus as 'disciples', those who are in the process of learning, as they return from their missions he calls them 'apostles', those sent out.

Jesus is concerned for their well-being and invites them to go with him to a lonely place in order to find peace and rest. It seems that the popularity of Jesus has influenced the mission of the disciples and that they too were in great demand. Their plan for some time of peace and quiet is frustrated. A crowd has already gathered at their destination. Mark speaks constantly in the early chapters of the gospel of the crowds who are eager for the words and works of Jesus.

This passage comes just before the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand. Before giving them food to eat Jesus teaches them 'at some length'. We see anticipated in this chapter the two ways in which Jesus continues to feed us: by Word and Sacrament. All this is motivated by his compassion for the crowd who are 'like sheep without a shepherd'.

The image of the shepherd who cares for the real needs of the sheep is often used in Scripture for those who have responsibility to care for people. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the shepherds, in this case the rulers, who let the flock be destroyed and scattered, and looks forward to the coming of true shepherds. The psalm speaks of the Lord as the perfect shepherd who sees to the needs of his people, and the reading from Ephesians speaks of Christ as 'the peace between us', who reconciles Jew and Gentile

Fr Adrian Graffy

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, Bronek (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.*

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. For broken marriage. For strengthening faith in our family. And thanksgiving for all love we receive from our Lord daily.' 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.

July: Month of Christ's Precious Blood

In this month of July by pious custom we reflect on the Precious Blood of Christ our Saviour. We reflect on its infinite power to cleanse, purify and transform us. Here is a passage from the Letter to the Hebrews to use in prayer:

If the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ. He, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, will purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance (Heb 9: 13-14).

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

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.

Sunday Mass is streamed live via our website,
at [http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-
live](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