

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Sept 11	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Jan Carroll RIP
Sun Sept 12	9:00 am	OLOL		10 TH Birthday of Keiran
	11:00 am	St F		Mary & Joseph Carroll RIP
Mon Sept 13			St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor	
Tues Sept 14			THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Martin O'Neill RIP
Wed Sept 15	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass Our Lady of Sorrows	
Thurs Sept 16	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation Ss Cornelius Pope	Brenda Robinson 80 th Birthday
Fri Sept 17				

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Sat Sept 18	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	Jonathan Fairbairn 21 st Birthday
Sun Sept 19	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Dominic Gatenby 21 st Birthday

Pope's Intention September 2021
An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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/?

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

The 100 club renewal is taking place. Current members please look out for the email or letter inviting you to renew - please respond before September 23rd. New members are welcome and should email stfrancisjgroup@gmail.com.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 1st October

Our local experts are helping people all over the world adapt to climate change and to protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this family fast day you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. Please donate by using the envelopes provided, online on our website CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis or by texting **CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10** or choose any whole amount between £1 and £20 e.g. £5 CAFOD5 more information on the CAFOD leaflet. Many thanks for your support.

Mark 8:27-35

The story told in this passage lies at the very heart of the drama of Mark's gospel. The question about the identity of Jesus is really a question about why he has come. People thought back to the great figures in the long history of the Jewish people as they attempted to understand the mission of Jesus. Jesus indeed shares the passion for the truth of John the Baptist, the strength and power of Elijah, and the spiritual qualities of other prophets. But Peter makes a greater claim for Jesus. He is the Messiah!

Jesus' reaction should be considered with care. He neither welcomes Peter's assertion nor rejects it. Jesus speaks for the first time of his suffering, death and resurrection. In doing so he challenges Peter's expectations about the Messiah, which were no doubt shared by others. The Messiah will not claim power for himself; he will not dominate others. On the contrary, others will have power over him; he will be dominated.

In giving up his life Jesus opens up a new way, a new vision, a vision of self-giving love. From this point onwards the Gospel of Mark will draw us inexorably into the mystery of the cross, the mystery of God's love revealed in the human life of the Son of God, which explains the meaning and purpose of our own lives too. 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 Lucy Tyler, 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

SAFEGUARDING: Should you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the parish safeguarding team (Jemma Pollard and Mike Pyne):

safeguarding@stfrancisdesales.org.uk
Virtual Landline Number: 03301334514

Parish Pastoral Council. This will next meet on **Tuesday 14th September** in the Parish Hall. If any parishioner has a matter that they would like raised please give details to the Parish Office.

Movie Night including popcorn at Youth Group on 24th September 6pm to 8:30pm

We are so excited that we are able to start Youth Group again which is open to all young people from First Holy Communion age (7/8yr old) to 21yrs old. It's a great opportunity to meet new people in a fun & relaxed environment, often involving food and activities. As we embark on this, we need some help... We are looking for people to help with making policies, supporting with activities and catechists - all ages welcome!



Our stocks are severely diminished. Since January, we have sent out approx. 17 tonnes more in food parcels than we have received. (For those of you who find this hard to visualise, it is the weight of two very large African elephants!) We have provided emergency support to over 1000 adults and children each month, and a staggering 3,401 in the last two months. To do this, we have had to spend hundreds of pounds to purchase essential food and products to be able to meet the demand.

This Harvest Festival, we would like to ask, please will you continue to partner with us and help us replenish our stocks so we can continue to make a difference in West Berkshire.

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**.

RCIA. On Thursday 23rd September we have the first meeting at St. Francis de Sales, Wash Common

COVID-19 Route Map: Step 4

Proposals

1. Background

Following guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference we have examined and revised our arrangements which will apply from the week end of 14/15th August. The general principles for creating a safe environment in our church remain in place so that you can continue to feel confident and safe when attending Mass.

2. Mitigation

Hand sanitation to continue to be used at entrance and exit to Church and Hall
Face coverings/masks to continue to be worn when in church
Cleaning to continue as at present

3. Social Distancing and Church Capacity

Vigil Mass – to continue as at present with reduced capacity and with social distancing.

(Capacity 65)

Sunday Mass-

i) Transept to continue with reduced capacity and social distancing. (Capacity 16)

ii) Main Aisle and Hall to revert to normal spacing. (Capacity 160)

ii) Simple card '**Please leave a space**' to be available at entry to be used if space is desired for social distancing.

4. Acts of Worship

Congregational singing now permitted but phased in gently

Registration and signing in to continue with the online booking system adapted to revised capacities.

No longer needing a one way system

Stewards to adapt to be welcomers

Holy Water stoups to remain empty

Holy Communion to continue to be offered as The Body of Christ by the Priest. It is planned for an Extraordinary Minister to help for the transept.

Physical Sign of Peace remains suspended

The offertory collection can be resumed with baskets at the exits.