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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Oct 2	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	For the People of the Parish
Sun Oct 3	9:00 am	OLOL		Holy Souls
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Oct 4			St Francis de Assisi, Founder	
Tues Oct 5	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass Saint Faustina Kowalska, Religious	
Wed Oct 6	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Thurs Oct 7	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation Our Lady of the Rosary	
Fri Oct 8				

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Sat Oct 9	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun Oct 10	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

Pope's Intention October 2021

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

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

Thought for the Week

"What disappoints you the most about the Church? - The hardest thing is the sex abuse scandal, because of the pain caused to victims and the damage done to the mission of the Church. And I'm troubled by the many people who really don't believe what the Church teaches but still claim to be Catholic. I mean those who try to change Catholic life to reflect their personal views, rather than admitting that they're no longer Catholics and finding a different community where their views are shared by others. This is especially true among theologians and academics who try to remake the Church in their own likeness. I've also been disappointed by the lack of courage from Bishops who would rather keep peace than proclaim the fullness of the Gospel and by the ambition I've seen in the episcopate, which can lead Bishops to be too coy, too careful, in order to avoid stirring up opposition to themselves. personally."
 (Archbishop Charles Chaput Things Worth Dying For 194).

Mark 10: 2-16

Jesus, on his journey to Jerusalem, has reached Judaea and some Pharisees question him about divorce. In answer, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis some words, which appear also at the end of our first reading: 'This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body.' Jesus reasserts teaching about marriage which people in earlier times were unwilling to accept, because they were 'so unteachable'. It calls for commitment and fidelity. The second piece of teaching is also relevant to families and relationships. The treatment of children is crucial to the health of a community.

Fidelity in marriage and a common endeavour to face difficulties are much needed in our time. The safety of children is an enormous concern and is rightly a priority. Not every marriage is ideal and there are some which cannot continue due to irreconcilable differences. In such situations great unhappiness can be experienced. Commitment and faithfulness, and loving guidance of young people and children, remain the basic foundations of a healthy and happy society. These are God-given principles, which reflect the faithful goodness of God. Fr Adrian Graffy

From Fair Close Centre

I write to acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation to Fair Close Centre. We appreciate all donations made to us being a non-profit organisation and thank you again for choosing us to receive the donation. With kindest regards, **Centre Manager**

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

The Mother's for Mercy Group would like to invite you for Coffee & Chat on 5th October 2021 10:00-Noon and 17:00 in the Church Hall.

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

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

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

Thank you to everyone who has supported our J&P group fundraising this year, through the 100 club and monthly donations. We have recently sent donations on the parish's behalf to the following charities: Aid to the Church in Need - £275, Loose Ends Newbury - £300, Women for Women International - £500 (specifically for their work in response to the Afghan crisis), Fairclose Centre Newbury - £550, La Asunción Orphanage Mexico - £600, Intercare Medical Aid for Africa - £675. We know it has been a very difficult time for everyone and we are really grateful for your continued support. If anyone would like to support the J&P fund with regular donations, or by joining the 100 club, please get in touch with us via email on stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com.

Would you like to become an Altar Server

It's that time of year again (or at last, as we've missed a year) when we welcome a new group of Altar Servers to the team.

If you've made your First Holy Communion, whether recently or not, then I would like to invite you to become a Server. If you are interested, please contact Andrew by emailing andrewpolland@gmail.com. We intend to get the new starters onboard at the beginning of October.

We are also seeking to recruit new MCs. Whether you have been a Server before or not, if you have made Confirmation, you would be considered. You will be given all the training and support required. If you're interested, please speak to Andrew Polland after mass or email on the above email address.

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.