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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Oct 9	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun Oct 10	9:00 am	OLOL		Oliver Reena RIP
	11:00 am	St F		Peggy RIP
Mon Oct 11				
Tues Oct 12	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Wed Oct 13	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Thurs Oct 14	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Oct 15			St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor	

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Sat Oct 16	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun Oct 17	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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"One of the great ironies of the various 16th century reformations was the unintended effect of attempts to cleanse Christian faith of 'superstition.' In stripping away relics, sacraments, veneration of Mary and the saints, indulgences, Masses and prayers for the dead and - notably - purgatory, the more radical reformers fractured the Christian *communio sanctorum* ('communion of saints'): the intimate ties to one another of the Church militant on earth, the Church suffering in purgatory and the Church triumphant in heaven. The living links between this world and the next disappeared. As a result, for many, Christianity took on a strongly practical, this-worldly focus. Combined with decades of bloody religious conflict, this arguably set the stage for a decline in a sense of the supernatural and the rise of modern secularism and unbelief" (Archbishop Chaput *Things Worth Dying For* 211).

Mark 10:17-30

Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

Sr Veronca Lawson

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

Parish Administrator: Yvonne Eaton

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

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for Alice Manners, Lauren Manners, Lucy Tyler, Courtney Andrews, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, Broniek (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

The Youth Club will be meeting on Friday 15th October at St Francis de Sales Hall from 6pm - 8pm. **It's going to be a pizza night!** Please spread the word and invite your friends. We shall be asking for a £2 donation. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please contact Ellen with any queries on ellenmclinch@gmail.com

The next RCIA meeting will be in the hall on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Those unable to attend in person can join by zoom.

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. in thanksgiving for a job and the other prayer requesting a job for someone unemployed; students struggling with challenging situations; someone who desperately needs a job. 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.

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.