

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

ALL SAINTS - Year B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Oct 30	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun Oct 31	9:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Nov 1				
Tues Nov 2	9:00 am - 9:30 am	OLOL	Mass	Jose O'Sullivan RIP
	11 am	St F	Blessing of the Graves	
	19:00 pm	StF	Mass ALL SOULS	José Coelho R.I.P
Wed Nov 3	10:00 am	OLOL	Blessing of the Graves	
Thurs Nov 4				
Fri Nov 5				
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- Year B				
Sat Nov 6	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun Nov 7	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		For the deceased members of the Connolly and O'Brien Families

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.

Parish Administrator: Yvonne Eaton

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

Blessing of Graves. For November, the Month of the Holy Souls Fr. Zbigniew will bless the graves of our former parishioners as follows:- Tuesday 2nd November following the 11.00 Mass the graves at our church followed by the graves at Acorn Ridge Cemetery. Sunday 14th November at 3.00pm at Shaw Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

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/?

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

Sunday 28th November

Children's Advent Preparation Day

12 - 3.45 @ St Francis de Sales

Mathew 5: 1-12A

The feast of All Saints gathers together in one great celebration all those who throughout history have sought for God and found God in Christ. We celebrate our belonging to the great 'communion of saints' and long to be fully united with those who have gone before us 'marked with the sign of faith'. Should not our celebration include all those who in seeking what is true and good have searched for the one, true God? Our gospel contains the opening words of the Sermon on the Mount. In these 'beatitudes' Jesus teaches us about the values, attitudes and actions of those who truly seek God. They do not seek their own advantage. Jesus promises the rewards of the kingdom for those who live in this way.

We are born into the life of the saints, of God's holy people, through our baptism and faith in Christ. But our other two readings for this feast look forward to the future life of the saints. John reminds us in the second reading that we can have no idea what our future will be like. But, he says, 'we shall be like him'. Christians are assured that they will be brought into the very life of God. 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 Alice Manners, Lauren Manners, 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, 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*

RCIA. The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 4th November at St. Francis de Sales. All are welcome.

Cleaning Rota November
4/11 Louise/Margery
12/11 Jan/Maureen/Sue
18/11 Cath/Richard
25/11 Louise/ Margery
Volunteers always welcomed!

The return of THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE! November 21st. In the Hall after 11.am Mass. Lunch available: Soup, Sausage Rolls, Risotto. Lots of Stalls. Bottles needed for Tombola, small toys/gifts for children's tombola. Beads necklaces and Brooches. Lots of cakes for the Cake Stall. As well as donations for the prize draw. All proceeds for Justice and Peace charities. If you have any enquiries, think you can help on the day or have your own ideas for a stall please contact a member of the Justice and Peace group. **There is a box in the porch for all donations.**

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.

Gift backpacks for Afghan children

Many children have arrived from Afghanistan with few possessions. We are organising a local collection of new, non-messy, reusable activity packs and indoor toys and games. Each child will receive a new **backpack**, labelled with age (0 - 12 months, 1yr, 2-4, 5-7, 8-11, 12-16) and boy/girl. Books (nearly new) will be distributed according to level of the child's English so will be collected separately.

Suggestions for the Backpack (age 2+)

Foam ball, cuddly toy, doll, small world play set, toy vehicles (not army or emergency services), yo-yo, skipping rope... New pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons, writing pads or notebook, solar calculator... colouring, sticker books, dry wipe writing board or learning book (numbers, phonics), craft (scissor and glue-free). Scarf, hat, gloves, hair accessories, jewellery, watch, wind-up torch. Do not include worn/damaged items; war-related items; sweets, food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items, toys with batteries, noisy toys.

Suggestions for the baby bag (age 0-1yr): Changing bag and mat, activity mat, toys (not nappies or lotions). Books: Good condition alphabet, picture and story books,

Collection point: Riverside Community Centre, Rosemoor Gardens, Clay Hill Crescent, Newbury RG14 2FG
Collection time: Mon, Wed, Fri 10:30 am. Ends Nov 5th.
Please ensure **age, boy/girl label** is tied on firmly

COVID-19 Route Map: Step 4 Proposals (updated 14th October)

1. Background

Following guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference we have examined and revised our arrangements, which will apply from the weekend of 16/17th October. 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. It is strongly encouraged from a moral and respectful point of view, to continue wearing facemasks during Public Worship. This indeed, is not a legal requirement, and several of our parishioners have exemptions from wearing masks.

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 has been 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 and help organise the collections and offertory procession

Holy Water stoups to remain empty

Holy Communion to continue to be offered as The Body of Christ by the Priest. An Extraordinary Minister will help in the transept and afterwards assist Father at the altar.

Physical Sign of Peace remains suspended

The offertory collection and offertory procession to be resumed.

16th October 2021