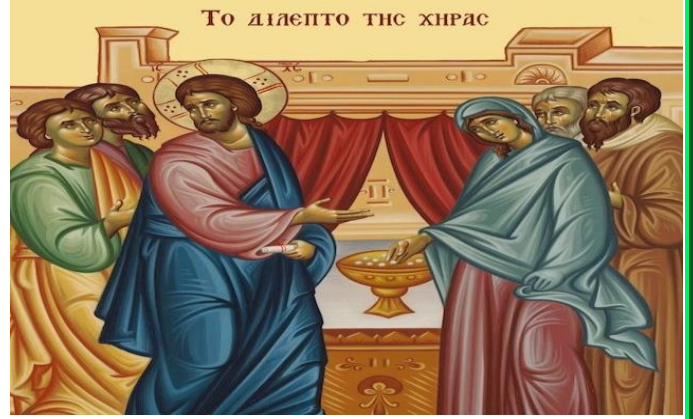


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Nov 6	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun Nov 7	9:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		For the deceased members of the Connolly and O'Brien Families
Mon Nov 8				
Tues Nov 9	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm		Adoration & Reconciliation Mass THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	
Wed Nov 10	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor	
Thurs Nov 11	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation St Martin of Tours, Bishop, Religious	
Fri Nov 12			St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- Year B				
Sat Nov 13	6:00 pm	St F	Sunday Mass	
Sun Nov 14	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

Pope's Intention November 2021

People Who Suffer from Depression
 We pray that people who suffer from depression or
 burn-out will find support and a light that opens
 them up to life.

Parish Pastoral Council. The next meeting of the will
 be on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm.
 Please let the parish office if you have any matters
 that you would like raised

Sunday 28th November
Children's Advent Preparation Day
12 - 3.45 @ St Francis de Sales

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

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

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Mark 12:38-44

We are approaching the end of our reading of the gospel of Mark. Today's reading provides a contrast: the self-assured scribes parading their virtue, and the humble widow offering all she had to live on.

Jesus attacks the hypocrisy of those religious people who make an outward show of virtue, but whose hearts are full of greed. His words against such behaviour are harsh: they will receive a severe sentence. Such texts as this are sometimes used as a pretext for a general denigration of all the teachers of Judaism. We must bear in mind that the gospels also tell us of good and virtuous scribes and Pharisees.

Jesus observes the generosity of the poor widow. Unlike the scribes he has previously criticised, she does not trumpet her virtue. Almost unnoticed, she gives all she can for the upkeep of the temple of God. Jesus then 'called the disciples and said to them'. In this way the evangelist underlines this teaching of Jesus. **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 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*

Sunday 7th November - CTNA Worship and Prayer Evening St. Nicholas Church at 6.00pm. All are welcomed to join Fr. Zbigniew at the Ecumenical Service.

First Holy Communion Programme

We are looking for some additional help at our sessions which run fortnightly on Monday at 5pm.

You would not be expected to teach the children and would be fully supported. You would need to undertake a DBS check if you don't already have one. We need someone to support the children when completing activities, helping them with their books, finding the right page etc. We also need some help making sure the DVD is ready to go as there are some short films we use. If you think you would like to be involved please contact the parish office and Yvonne will pass along your details to the programme leads.

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.**

Gift backpacks for Afghan children

If you contributed to this appeal we had a wonderful response and have made 25 complete backpacks with enough to fill a further 14 backpacks (when we get these). Thank you!

We still need items for babies (6 - 18 months) and would love some activity blankets with a few toys (clean and in good condition). The appeal will remain open until November 8th and you can drop things off either at the Riverside Community Centre (10:30 - 11:30 Monday, Wednesday or Friday) or at St Nic's Church (11:30 Sunday or 9 - 10 on Monday).

Blessing of Graves in Shaw Cemetery Sunday 14th November. Fr. Zbigniew will bless the graves and all are welcome to attend.

We will meet at the Cemetery Chapel at 3.00pm

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

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