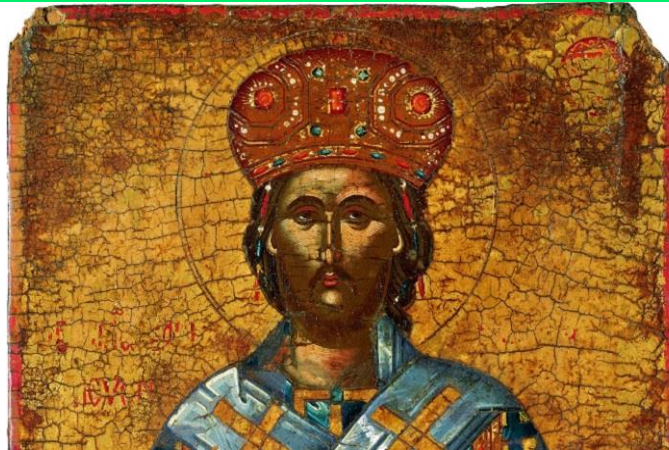


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**Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Year B**

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Nov 20	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Alan Day RIP
Sun Nov 21	9:00 am	OLOL		Thanksgiving for the success of heart surgery and for the prayers of community and friends
	11:00 am	St F		For the People of the Parish
Mon Nov 22			<b>St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</b>	
Tues Nov 23	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm		Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
Wed Nov 24	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass <b>St-Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>	Family members and friends of the Curtis family RIP
Thurs Nov 25	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	Anthony and Angela's Daughter for the success of her operation.
Fri Nov 26				
<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT- Year B</b>				
Sat Nov 27	6:00 pm	St F	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	Desmond Manham RIP
Sun Nov 28	9:00 am	OLOL		John & Constance King RIP
	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.

**IT WOULD BE NICE** to have a bit of choir singing to enhance the Christmas Night Vigil. If anyone is interested in taking part, please come and join us for rehearsals after 11am Mass on Sundays the 12th and 19th of December, in the dining room of the house.

**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

**Cleaning Rota**  
 23 Nov Louise/Margory  
 29 Nov Jan/Maureen  
 6 Dec Richard/Cath

## John 18:33-37

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kingdom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty.

We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century. Rome was the dominant global force at that time. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world he is referring to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers. Jesus' way of being in the world stands in stark contrast with the expansionist and frequently destructive ways of Roman rule. The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved". On the other it is a "world" that rejected the light, a sinful world in need of the saving power of God.

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth. "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Sr Veronica Lawson

**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*

**St Francis Youth Club is on Friday 26th November 6pm - 8pm for hot dogs, table football tournament and Advent Preparation. £2 donation.**

## 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.**

**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](mailto:safeguarding@stfrancisdesales.org.uk)

Virtual Landline Number: 03301334514

**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**

## CAFOD World gifts

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

## Thought for the Week

"Since in God's plan it has been established as an "intimate community of life and love," the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love, in an effort that will find fulfilment, as will everything created and redeemed, in the Kingdom of God. Looking at it in such a way as to reach its very roots, we must say that the essence and role of the family are in the final analysis specified by love. Hence the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church His bride." (Pope John Paul II Familiaris Consortio 17).

# 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 welcoming 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.

16<sup>th</sup> October 2021