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

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Year C**

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Dec 25	9:00 am 11:00 am	OLOL St F	<b>Mass</b>	Rita Monaghan RIP Keiran Monaghan RIP
Sun Dec 26	9:00 am	OLOL	<b>The Holy Family</b>	
	11:00 am	St F		
Mon Dec 27				
Tues Dec 28			<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wed Dec 29			<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thurs Dec 30			<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Fri</b> Dec 31				

**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS- Year C**

Sat Jan 1	10:00am 12:00 am	OLOL St F	<b>Mary Mother of God</b>	
Sun Jan 2	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

Christmas and returning to Mass. The Sunday Mass is the heartbeat of The Church and our bishops are encouraging us all wherever possible to return to Mass. All will be most welcome to our Christmas Masses and you are invited to book now. There will be six Masses in our two churches and to ensure that we can accommodate as many as possible you should book only one. For those unable to come to Sunday Mass there are now four weekday Masses, all at different times and which are less crowded. **Please wear a Mask and mindful of the Governments current advice on testing it is suggested that all take a lateral flow test beforehand.**

**Sunday 9th January The Baptism of The Lord. The Recommissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
*This will be at both week end masses*

**Sunday 23rd January Patronal Feast. Annual Parish Meeting after the 11.00 Mass.**  
**All are welcome and it will be on zoom for those unable to attend.**

**Saturday 1st January 2022 Feast of Mary Mother of God.**  
**Mass of Healing with the blessing of the sick at 12.00 noon.**  
**All will be welcome.**

The Christmas Collection is by tradition personally for the use of our priest. This can also be made by using the DONATE button on the website

## John 1: 1-18

Three separate sets of readings are provided for the three Masses of Christmas Day: the Mass at Midnight, the Mass at Dawn and the Mass during the day. The readings considered here are those of the Mass during the day.

The opening words of the Gospel according to John, known as the Prologue, offer a rich reflection on the mystery of the human birth of the Son of God. The evangelist refers to him as 'the Word', for God has finally spoken his fullest word to the human race. As the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews states, God having spoken at many times in the past, 'in the last days has spoken to us through his Son'. The Prologue also refers to Jesus as 'the Light', for he brings truth and direction in our darkness. The darkness of sin and death cannot overcome the light of Christ. The evangelist speaks of the rejection of the Word by many, but also of the power given to those who do accept him, to all those who believe in him. The feast of Christ's birth invites us to renew that faith and welcome the Word of light into our lives again.

Fr Adrian Graffy

Mass Times		OLOL	St F
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. <b>Christmas Eve</b>	Mass	1800	1600. 2130, 2400
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. <b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	Mass	0900	1100
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec. <b>Holy Family</b>	Mass With special blessings	0900	1100
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 <b>Mary Mother of God</b>	Mass of Healing With blessing of the sick	1000	1200
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nativity	Mass	0900	1100
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Epiphany</b>	Mass	1000	1900

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

## Pope's Intention December 2021 Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit

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

**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)

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## Thought for the week

"Our first thoughts as we hurry to Bethlehem should be to adore and thank God. For today, a Saviour has been born for us; He is Christ the Lord. Why did He come? Pope St. Leo explains it well: He came down from heaven, so that we might go up to heaven. God became human, so that we could become divine. God revealed His Son so that through Him we might share the life of the Trinity. This is amazing good news! For when we adore that Baby, we see what we too are called to be. This is why we can sing Gloria in excelsis Deo: Glory to God in the highest."  
(A Christmas Homily).

## COVID-19 Route Map: Step 4 Proposals (updated 10<sup>th</sup> December)

### 1. Background

Following guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference we have examined and revised our arrangements which will apply from the week end of 11/12<sup>th</sup> December. 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. These **MUST** be worn by all during Public Worship unless except for health reasons.  
Cleaning to continue as at present

### 3. Social Distancing and Church Capacity

For ALL Week end Masses-

- i) Transept to continue with reduced capacity and social distancing. (Capacity 16)
- ii) Main Aisle and Hall to revert to normal spacing. (Capacity 205)
- iii) Simple card '**Please leave a space**' is available at entry to be used if space is desired for social spacing.

### 4. Acts of Worship

Congregational singing now permitted and our choirs have been leading our singing.  
Registration and signing in to continue with the online booking system adapted to revised capacities.  
No longer needing a one way system  
Stewards have adapted to be welcomers and help organise with others the collections and offertory procession  
Holy Water stoups continue 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 has been resumed.