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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year C

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Jan 8	6:00 pm	St F		The People of the Parish
Sun Jan 9	9:00 am	OLOL		Sheila O' Sullivan RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The Cobb Family
Mon Jan 10				
Tues Jan 11	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm			
Wed Jan 12	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation Mass	
	10:00 am - 10:30			
Thurs Jan 13	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00am 10:30 am			
Fri Jan 14				

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Sat Jan 15	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Jan 16	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		The Cobb Family

**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.

On recent occasions the outside hall door has
 been found unlocked.
 When leaving please ensure that this door is
 securely locked by pressing the C key on the
 outside key pad

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**Thursday 13th January next RCIA meeting will
 in the hall at 7.30.**

Pope's Intention January 2022
For true human fraternity
 We pray for all those suffering from religious
 discrimination and persecution; may their own
 rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from
 being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

It is interesting to note that the Evangelist Luke recounts that Jesus' baptism was an experience of the people: "After all the people had been baptized". By being in the midst of the people, Jesus manifests profound solidarity with His sinful people, giving from the very beginning a certain "stamp" to His mission. Jesus reveals that He is the One who has come to "get His hands dirty" so as to bear the sins of humanity.

Unlike the other evangelists, Luke does not dwell on the baptism, but leaves it in the background, using a simple phrase: "Jesus also had been baptized". What the evangelist highlights is Jesus' behavior: "He was praying". This is a particularly dear theme for Luke that he repeats often in his Gospel. In this climate of prayer, Jesus receives the gift of the Spirit and is confirmed by the Father who recognizes him to be "the beloved" and that He is "well pleased" with Him, or that He has placed His trust in Jesus. This is a way of indicating that Jesus' way of drawing near to the people, of being in solidarity with them, is the reason why He was sent.

In the context of prayer, Jesus receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. This detail suggests that every time we pray, when we are speaking one on One with God (Saint Teresa of Avila), it is possible to experience the Holy Spirit. To pray is to return to Him, to remain with Him. It is the breath of our being children of God which we were introduced to in our own baptism. Only in prayer can our lives as God's children be nourished. In moments of prayer, we allow God to say over us: "You are the beloved", "You are important for me".

Vatican News

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, Sue Mangham who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes

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

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

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.

CLEANING ROTA

3rd Jan Cath/Richards
10th Jan Louise/Margory
17th Jan Jan/Maureen

COVID-19 Route Map: Step 4

Proposals (updated 10th 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 11/12th 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.