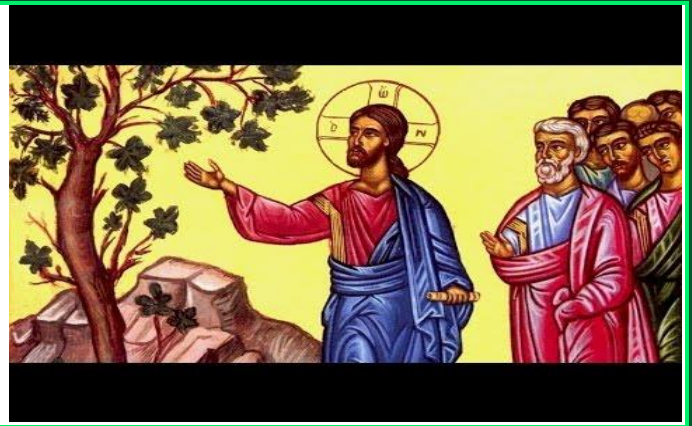


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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Mar 19	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Mary & Joe Carroll RIP
Sun Mar 20	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Hugh & Helen Donnelly RIP
Mon Mar 21				
Tues Mar 22	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	Mass	
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm		Adoration & Reconciliation	
Wed Mar 23	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am - 10:30		Mass	
Thurs Mar 24	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Mass	Thomas Donnelly RIP
	10:00am 10:30 am		Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Mar 25	7:00 pm		Mass	
	7:20 pm - 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm		Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Sat Mar 26	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Martin Crossan
Sun Mar 27	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Sylvia Telles RIP

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 or online. Cheques to be made payable to PRCDTR Newbury,
 St. Francis de Sales ref Ukraine or online
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The Popes Intention March 2022
A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges
 We pray for Christians facing new bioethical
 challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of
 all human life with prayer and action.

**RCIA - The next meeting will be here on Thursday
 at 7.30pm and will be a preparation for the
 Reception at the Easter Vigil**

**The Second Collection for Ukraine 12/13
 March raised £1,851.04**

Luke 13:1-9

Today's gospel begins with two warnings about the need for repentance. It ends with a parable about a non-productive fig tree and a faithful "gardener God". The warnings include two examples of untimely deaths, one reported to Jesus and then used by him to illustrate the urgent need for repentance, the other reported by Jesus as a further illustration of his point. With respect to the first example, Jewish history recounts instances of Pilate's cruelty, but makes no mention of his execution of Galileans and the mingling of their blood with their sacrifices. Neither is there any other record of the collapse of the Siloam tower and the resultant death of eighteen people. Jesus insists that those killed are no more sinful and no more deserving of death than any of their fellow Galileans or Jerusalemites. They are certainly not being punished for their sins and those who make such a link between suffering and sin have got it all wrong. So why does Jesus twice assert, "If you do not repent you will all perish in the same way" or "as they did"? The answer seems to lie in the constant need for self-reflection and the missed opportunity for conversion or reconciliation in the case of sudden and unexpected death. In other words, Jesus is telling his listeners, "Don't be caught unawares; turn your life around in the direction of the gospel while you are alive and well". The Greek verb "to repent" literally means to think again. It can have the sense of expanding one's vision or one's horizons, to think beyond the narrow confines of one's own interests and one's own little world. In the context of Jesus' teaching, it is a call to take seriously the message of God's empire or reign which embraces the whole Earth community. Sr Veronica Lawson

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for Patricia Flynn, Geoffrey Keegan, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Teresa Bourke, 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, Chris 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

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safeguarding@stfrancisdesales.org.uk

Virtual Landline Number: 03301334514

J&P Cake Stall - 27 March 2022 After Sunday mass in the hall at St Francis. Proceeds to support the Ukraine appeal. If you can, please bring cakes, biscuits and jams to the hall before mass, and come and buy! More info contact stfrancisjgroup@gmail.com

Can you **KNIT** or **CROCHET**. Are you willing to knit or crochet squares to make up into Blankets to further support Ukrainian refugees. if you would like to take part in this venture. please contact me.

Many Thanks Ann Haynes email:

Haynes.ann@gmail.com. Mobile: 07508492708

Thought for the Week

"The Christian community and its pastors are called to welcome with respect and sensitivity persons with homosexual inclinations, and will know how to find the most appropriate ways, consistent with Church teaching, to proclaim to them the Gospel in its fullness. At the same time, they should recognize the genuine nearness of the Church - which prays for them, accompanies them and shares their journey of Christian faith - and receive the teachings with sincere openness" (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith Responsum 2021).

