

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Date	Time	Place	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat Apr 23	6:00 pm	St F	Mass DEVINE MERCY Hour of Mercy, Adoration & Reconciliation	
Sun Apr 24	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Bill RIP
	3:00pm	OLOL		
Mon Apr 25				
Tues Apr 26	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	St F	NO MASS	
Wed Apr 27	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	NO MASS	
Thurs Apr 28	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00am 10:30 am	St F	NO MASS	
Fri Apr 29				
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C				
Sat Apr 30	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun 1 May	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish

**PLATINUM JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY 5TH
 JUNE 12.30 PM
 MEETING 28TH APRIL 7:30pm TO DISCUSS
 ARRANGEMENTS - PLEASE COME ALONG
 WITH YOUR IDEAS**

Please help us to continue God's work by supporting us financially
 Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993
 PRCDTR Newbury St Francis de Sales
 Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name/?

The Popes Intention April 2022

Health Care Workers
 We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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

John 20:19-31

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear' of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father'. They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit.

The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves, and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while.

If we think, however, that those who hear in the first place are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those who do believe and trust need a bit of time to take the gospel message on board.

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, 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, Cecelia Smith, Jenny Higgins, who ask for our prayers. *Please let the Parish Office know of any changes*

Christian Aid Coffee morning

28th April 10:00 am St Nicholas Church Hall
Cakes, Tombola Gifts. A box in the Porch for contributions particularly Bottles needed.

Cakes to Sonya tele: 01635 741831

Youth Group will be celebrating Eastertide with a party on Friday 29th April 6-8pm. Please see email for details or contact me on

ellenmclinch@gmail.com

A Big Thank you to all our younger parishioners who from the Lent Preparation Day and also from the First Holy Communion Group made the most beautiful Easter Cards for our parishioners who are sick and housebound. Thanks also for the help from their catechists and leaders.

Quiz night on Saturday 14th May from 7.00-9.45 at St George's Hall, Wash Common, Newbury, RG14 6NU.

- Ticket price £5.00 per person includes cake, cheese and biscuits and refreshments (tea, coffee and soft drinks). You are welcome to bring your own alcohol and glasses.
- Please note that pre-booking is essential!
- Payments can be made direct to COINS account at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code: 30-95-89, Account No: 01372071. Please quote 'Quiz' as your reference.
- Come as a team of 6-8 adults, or we can help you find team members. Be prepared with your team name!
- No reduced rates for children. However, well behaved children are welcome and are always the responsibility of parents!
- Bring cash for the raffle!

For further information or to book places, please email us at quiz@coinsnewbury.org or call 0118 971 2242

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT - 23 APRIL 2022. A fun-filled evening to celebrate St George's Day! Come in a team or join one on the night. Ticket price includes home-cooked meal. There will be a bar, raffle and prizes. All proceeds to support our parish charities. Tickets available after mass or email stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com. £10 adult, £5 child, £25 family (2 adults, max 3 children aged 5-13). Organised by the Justice & Peace group
DONATIONS OF RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

UKRAINE APPEAL UPDATE

THE APPEAL FOR UKRAINE BY OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, ST FINIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST FRANCIS DE SALES HAS RAISED AN AMAZING £23,696.84

Last week driver of the day Fr Zbigniew in his Luton Van and Catherine Mangham delivered 3 pallets of trauma bandages, Naso-pharyngeal airways and 3 pallets of hospital supplies! to Let's Do it Ukraine in Southampton. They have already sent 25 van and 5 lorry loads to the Polish/Ukraine border... and onwards when the corridors open up. We would also like to thank Clint at Prometheus-Safeguarding for the donation of trauma bandages. Will let you know when they get to the front line!

