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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Dec 31	12:00 6:00pm	St F St F	MASS	Private Intention The People of the Parish
Sun Jan 1	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Freida de Souza
Mon Jan 2			Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	
Tues Jan 3	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	Mass	
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm		Adoration & Reconciliation	
Wed Jan 4	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	Tim O' Sullivan RIP
	10:00 am - 10:30		Mass	
Thurs Jan 5	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	Mass	
	10:00 am - 10:30		Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Jan 6	10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Mass THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	St F		
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD -YEAR A				
Sat Jan 7	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Jan 8	9:00 am	OLOL		The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St F		Cecelia Smith RIP

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The Popes Intention January 2023

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all

**St. Francis de Sales, Wash Common
and
Our Lady of Lourdes Hungerford**

Liturgy for Advent and Christmas 2022

DATE	DAY	LOL	St.F
Saturday 31 st Dec. Vigil Mary Mother of God	Mass of Healing with blessing of the sick		1200
Sat 31 st Dec/Sun 1 st Jan '23 Mary Mother of God	Mass	0900	1800/1100
Friday 6 th January Epiphany of The Lord	Mass	1000	1900
Sat 7 th /Sun 8 th Jan Baptism of the Lord	Mass	0900	1800/1100

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office
Please pray for Geoffrey Keegan, 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, Shomila Malik, Joseph Marletta, Marie O'Sullivan, Daryl Pike, Mary Russell, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner, Arthur Mitchell, Malcolm Higgins, Rod Radue, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph, 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

Luke 2:16-21

Most of this gospel reading for the feast of Mary, Mother of God, the octave day of Christmas and the first day of the calendar year, has already been heard as the gospel for the Dawn Mass of Christmas Day. The final verse is added today. It is particularly appropriate, since this is the eighth day, the octave day, of Christmas.

But there is a more important reason why reading these verses today, one week after Christmas Day, is different. We are asked to focus on the role and on the behaviour of Mary, the mother of the Messiah. This feast on the octave day of Christmas was instituted in the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. It replaces the feast of the Circumcision of our Lord. It is most appropriate that we should focus on Mary on this day.

The coming into a human life of the Son of God could only happen with the collaboration of this humble woman of Nazareth. God respects our human freedom. Mary was invited to work for God in this unique way. Her response to the invitation was a courageous and generous 'yes'. Her fiat is a turning point in history for it enables the Son of God to become a human being. Her fiat is an example to all those who, like Mary, endeavour to do the will of God by following Jesus.

On this solemn feast we continue to commemorate the birth of Jesus. We acknowledge the consequences of this birth for us, as St Paul writes in the reading from the Letter to the Galatians: 'at the appointed time God sent his Son, born of a woman' in order to redeem us and offer us adoption as children of God. Our first reading, from the Book of Numbers, invokes God's blessing on God's people as the new year begins.
 Fr Adrian Graffy

Booking for Parish Hall. Please email Maureen Hudd at Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com
 Please use email as this ensures clarity of request.

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
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