

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Jan 20	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Private Intention
Sun Jan 21	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish
Mon Jan 22				
Tues Jan 23	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
Wed Jan 24	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS St Francis de Sales, Bishop	Olive Cunane RIP
Thurs Jan 25	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation The CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	
Fri Jan 26			St Timothy & St Titus	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B				
Sat Jan 27	6:00pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Jan 28	9:00 am	OLOL		Mrs Patricia Dyson RIP
	11:00am	St F		Bill Bowyer RIP

JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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

Saturday, 2nd March at 6pm. Piano Recital by Christopher Burrows at St Joseph's Church . Programme to include works by Chopin, Beethoven, Bach, Brahms and Mozart. Tickets £15 (payable at door) to include wine/sparkling wine and canapés during the interval. [Click here for details](#)

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

Mark 1:14-20

Mark begins his gospel without any reference to the birth or early life of Jesus. A short account of the ministry of John the Baptist is followed by the story of the baptism of Jesus and a brief reference to his temptation in the desert. Our passage begins with Jesus in Galilee proclaiming the 'good news' or 'gospel' of God. Jesus declares the coming of 'the time' and of 'the kingdom of God'. The essence of his preaching is that the time of fulfilment, the long-awaited time, has arrived. God's kingdom, God's rule, is coming. The power of evil and of sin will be challenged, and overcome. This will be the constant theme of the words and deeds of Jesus in Mark. The first half of the gospel is set mostly in the northern region of Galilee. It is here that the gospel is first heard and first welcomed.

Our reading continues with the call of the first disciples. They are taken away abruptly from their daily work of fishing. They respond immediately to Jesus' summons. They do not show the reluctance which Jonah showed (first reading). The call of Jesus is irresistible. We learn the names of the first four disciples, the brothers Simon and Andrew, and the brothers James and John. They abandon both their work, and their family ties. Something momentous is happening in their lives. It is amid the preoccupations of each day that the Lord calls his disciples, and calls them by name.

Fr Adrian Graffy

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office

Please pray for **Geoffrey Keegan, Jane Horscroft, Courtney Andrews, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, 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, Elizabeth Sage, Linda Verner, Arthur Mitchell, Malcolm Higgins, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph, Gillian Spencer, Sheila Clements, Jim Polland, Krzysz Zablocki, Margaret McGuire & Sandy Hebden** who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

Medjugorje Youth Festival - after consultation it has been agreed that anyone wishing to be part of this pilgrimage must book directly with the travel company and this event is not now a Parish or Pastoral Area responsibility. If you wish to book please contact Sue Smith who has details of the Company organising this pilgrimage. Susan.smith313@ntlworld.com

LOURDES 2024

Dates 1/7/24 returning 5/7/24

Travelling from Stansted direct to Lourdes.

Price for full board, flights and transfers £759 per person sharing.

Single room supplement £35 per night.

Travel insurance via Joe Walsh - £49 per person up to age 79, £98 per person 80 to 90 years.

Luggage allowance included in price.

Additional cost for transport to and from Stansted (from Newbury) to be advised, subject to numbers travelling.

Applications, or expressions of interest either to office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk, or to Mrs Anne Paice - email annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk

First Holy Communion preparation. The next meetings will be on Sunday the 21st January at 12.15 after Mass

RCIA/Journey in Faith. The next meetings will be on Thursday 18th January and Thursday 1st February at **St. Francis de Sales** at 7.30pm

Pastoral Area Evangelisation Group. Next meetings on Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm at **St. Francis de Sales**

Patronal Feast and Annual Parish Meeting with shared International Lunch on Sunday 28th January. A further opportunity to consider our new 'Super Parish'. **Please sign the list in the porch for contributions for the shared lunch.** If you have any matters for the meeting please notify the office.

Mothers' Prayer Group: This group meets on Friday's at 10.30 with the aim to pray for the needs of our children, and for a strengthening of faith. The Movement exists in over 100 countries and members meet in one another's homes. Further details from Teresa on 07917 323364.