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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Mar 8	6:00pm	St F	MASS	Joanita De Souza RIP
Sun Mar 9	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		Ryszard RIP because of his Birthday
Mon Mar 10				
Tues Mar 11	6:00 pm -	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm			
	7:00 pm			
Wed Mar 12	9:30 am -	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation MASS	
	10:00 am			
	10:00 am -			
Thurs Mar 12	10:30	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
	9:30 am -			
	10:00 am -			
Fri Mar 13	10:30	St F	MASS Stations of the Cross	
	7:00 pm			
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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR C

Sat Mar 15	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Mar 16	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		For Ida & Eileen

Popes Intention March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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

THE CARD READER IN THE CHURCH IS OUT OF ORDER AT THE MOMENT

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

Next Sunday, March 16th we welcome Eileen Louise Handy who will be baptised during the 11 am Mass.

Luke 4:1-13

It is an ancient tradition that we read the gospel of the temptation of Jesus on the first Sunday of Lent. There is the obvious connection that Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness, but there are deeper reasons. In each of the synoptic gospels we are told how, before his ministry begins, Jesus, filled with the Spirit, encounters the spirit of evil. It is what his ministry is all about. It is what our lives are all about. To overcome evil with goodness is the constant challenge of the gospel.

In the longer narratives in Matthew and Luke we are given what amounts to a profound reflection on the nature of temptation. To use God-given powers for selfish ends is a temptation rife in our modern times. To worship the source of evil recalls our modern confusion about what is morally good and morally bad. To put God to the test is similarly familiar. Jesus withstands each of these tests. Our gospel ends with the departure of the devil 'to return at the appointed time'. Luke knows that the critical time will come at Calvary.

Which temptations are present in my life and how should I withstand them?

Do I share the moral confusion of the present time?

Let us pray for honesty to change our attitudes and our behaviors.

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

Please pray for Geoffrey Keegan, 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, Arthur Mitchell, Malcolm Higgins, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph, Gillian Spencer, Jim Polland, Krzysz Zablocki, Margaret McGuire, Sandy Hebden, Sean Early, Tony Lavers and John Huckle who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

The collection for CAFOD's Family Fast Day will be on March 8th/9th. Your support will help ensure that CAFOD's local experts can continue to provide simple, effective solutions to the toughest problems facing people around the world.

If you wish to give online search 'CAFOD envelope'

KENYA GIRLS APPEAL

THANK YOU for your wonderful response.

This week some packs of fabric with instructions are ready to sew. Please collect from the hall. We still need people to do cutting out, come to the hall to collect and return the cut-out fabric.

We also need more cotton fabric and towels. Please also write a short message of support and encouragement to go into the finished packs.

This time we aim to reach 50 girls but long term 200.

Sat 15th March, **A Concert in aid of Noreen's Kids**. 7pm The Croft Hall, Hungerford. An evening of piano music by Christopher Burrow. Tickets £15 to include canapes and a glass of wine. Contact Anna
07786494041 anna@noreenskids.org

Justice & Peace Cake Stall - 22nd & 23rd March

The cake stall in March this year will be the week before Mothers' day and so we are planning to offer Mother's day gifts - donations are therefore requested to fill 'Mothers' Day gift jars. Small "pamper" items (guest soaps, lip salve, small hand cream etc) or small wrapped chocolates. Please bring items by Sunday 16th March (box for donations is in hall foyer) - thank you.

Lent Stations of the Cross. Each Friday in Lent there will be Mass at 7.00pm followed at 7.30 by Stations of the Cross led by different parish groups. Also during this period the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Please sign the list in the porch if you would like to help lead this devotion

Lent Lunches Fridays at 12.30pm 7th March Hungerford Methodist Church followed by World Day of Prayer 2pm. 14th March Our Lady of Lourdes 21st March St Lawrence Church 28th March United Reformed Church. Donations to support Noreen's Kids and Christian Aid

If your child needs to leave the church during Mass, they **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

There is a collection point for West Berks Foodbank in the Church Porch.

LENTEN APPEAL 2025

Supporting Our Sister Parish in Kenya

“Pilgrims of Hope”

URENGA CATHOLIC CHURCH BENCH APPEAL

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales,

In the heart of Kenya's Kisumu Archdiocese, the faithful of Urenga Catholic Church gather each Sunday to celebrate Mass. - not in comfortable pews but carrying their own seats or sharing the few thin benches available. Despite these challenges, their faith remains unwavering, their songs of praise resounding.

We have learned of this from Fr Zbigniew and Jeremiah who visited the Church recently. It is their proposal that our Parish creates a more dignified worship space by raising funds to have 32 Pews made locally in Africa. The total cost of this will be £ 5,760.00. Donations can be made as follows:

- One full pew (£180) = worship space for 12 people
- Half pew (£90) = worship space for 6 people
- Quarter pew (£45) = worship space for 3 people
- Every contribution makes a difference

A full pew will carry a dedication plate with the donor's name(s), creating a legacy of your generosity and connection between our two parishes.

Payments should be made to

Lloyds Bank

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Account Name: CDP Newbury St Francis de Sales

Reference: Bench Appeal/Your name

Campaign ends: 20th April 2025