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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Mar 15	6:00pm	St F	MASS	For Rachel Cobb Birthday Blessing
Sun Mar 16	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		For Ida & Eileen
Mon Mar 17			ST PATRICK, Bishop	
Tues Mar 18	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
Wed Mar 19	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	10:00 am - 10:30		MASS ST JOSEPH, Solemnity	
Thurs Mar 20	9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30	St F	MASS Adoration & Reconciliation	
Fri Mar 21	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	St F	MASS Stations of the Cross	

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR C

Sat Mar 22	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	
Sun Mar 23	09:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00am	St F		Bill Bowyer RIP

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

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

Luke 9:28-36 Fr Adrian Graffy

After the stark reading about the temptations of Jesus in last Sunday's gospel we hear the gospel of the Transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. The story, found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, is an extraordinary one, narrating a mysterious event which deeply struck the disciples.

Jesus is seen transformed by three of his disciples. His face is changed, and he wears brilliant clothing, which suggests the life of the resurrection. Moses and Elijah are with him. These two great figures from the Scriptures were believed, after many trials, to have been taken to the presence of God. No burial place of Moses was ever found. Elijah, it was believed, had been taken up to heaven in a chariot. Luke says that they speak with Jesus of his 'passing' or 'exodus', his leaving this world to return to the Father, that journey through suffering and death which they too have known. It is as if they provide encouragement as Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem and to death.

The story of the Transfiguration is very elaborate. We read it in Lent both to focus on the triumph of Jesus beyond the cross, and to hear again the words: This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him! Above all it invites us to accompany Jesus as he journeys through death to the life of the resurrection, a life which God prepares for us too, a life we can scarcely imagine.

Do I really listen to the words of the Son, found in the Holy Scriptures?

We pray for courage as we face the difficulties of life.

We pray for freedom to allow the hope of resurrection to transform our lives.

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.

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.

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

Foodbank Collection Trial at St Francis de Sales.

A collection point in the Foyer of the Church Hall for the West Berkshire Foodbank will be set up after the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am Masses for a trial period of 12 weeks starting on the 1st March 2025. The items donated will be used to provide support to local people in crisis. Current items urgently needed include: cereal bars, jam, ketchup/mayo, Size 6/7/8 nappies, toothpaste, long-life juice, tinned meals (Spagbol, curry, stew) & UHT milk. Please note we will not be collecting cleaning materials.

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: 00882993

Account Name: CDP Newbury St Francis de Sales

Reference: Bench Appeal/Your name

Campaign ends: 20th April 2025