



Saint Francis of Assisi Church and Parish

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DAY	DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
SATURDAY	26th Feb	5.30pm	Vigil Mass : 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Stacey Tomlin Intentions
SUNDAY	27th Feb	9.45am 11.00am	The 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Benjamin Viju Thanksgiving ✠ Armando Marino R.I.P
MONDAY	28th Feb	-	NO MASS AT ST.FRANCIS	-
TUESDAY	1st March	10.00am	St. David, <i>Patron of Wales</i>	For all Religious
WEDNESDAY	2nd March	10.00am 7.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	For a Holy Lent For Spiritual Renewal
THURSDAY	3rd March	10.00am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Sr. Mary Magdalene's Intentions
FRIDAY	4th March	7.30pm	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Those on the Journey of Faith
SATURDAY	5th March	-	<i>Rite of Election at Portsmouth Cathedral (No Mass at St. Francis)</i>	-

Fr Kevin writes ...

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

This week we have scripture readings that are especially suitable as we prepare to enter Lent on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. All of us say, do and think things that offend others and our loving Father in heaven. As weak human beings, prone to temptation and sin, we need to look at ourselves both objectively and critically. Therefore, this week our reading focus on the words we say and the hurt they can sometimes bring to others and to ourselves. However, our Catholic faith reminds us that as followers of Christ, we should never cease to give thanks for the forgiveness he readily gives us, if we are truly sorry. This coming Lent will be our opportunity to prepare for Easter with renewed love and commitment.

- Our Opening Prayer asks God our Father to grant peace to our world and to the Church, so that she : "... may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion ...".
- The first reading is from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiasticus. The writer reflects on the damage that words can cause and reminds us that : "... a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men".

• Our second reading is from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The apostle reminds his readers, and us today, of the victory that Christ has won for all who believe in him: "... death is swallowed up in victory ... let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ ... never admit defeat ..."

• The Gospel reading gives us one of Jesus' most thought-provoking parables. The Lord explains that we need to look at ourselves critically, before we venture to criticise others . "... a man's words flow out of what fills his heart ..."

CANTABO DOMINO.

I WILL SING TO THE LORD,

LENT 2022

- Ash Wednesday: Mass at 10am & 7.30pm.
- Full details of our Lent programme are available in hardcopy from the Church porch and have been emailed out with the Newsletter.
- Your prayers are especially asked for Sally, Katie and Rory who will be going to the Cathedral in Portsmouth next Saturday for the Rite of Election as the they prepare to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

WE PRAY for the Sick and Housebound of our Community and for those who care for them: Darryl Sinclair, David McCann, Maria Williams, Barbara Siwicka, Gianluca Greenwood, Brian Lynch, Pat Sassi, Frances Wilde, Simon Saint, Peter Hermon, Ernesto and Napoleon Mannois, Jane Thomas, Daniel Offer, Marie Hall, Geraldine McAllister, Georgia Mackinlay, Nina Mullins, Eileen Hoare. If you would like to add a name to this list, **with consent**, or if you would like a name removed, please email or phone the Parish Office.



LITTLE FRANCISCAN TODDLER GROUP will return on Tuesday 1st March after the half term break!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM As the Covid restrictions are lifted, it is hoped that we will be able to re-start our Sunday morning Children's Liturgy in the near future. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Sue Roche at sue.rochel@btinternet.com for full details.



HOME ROSARY Full details of ZOOM access is on the Parish Website www.stfrancisascot.co.uk. Please pass the information on to family & friends who may wish to join us! ZOOM access IDs & PASSWORDS are attached to the online newsletter!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 11th March This is a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie (see poster) in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food, so that her children can grow up big and strong. Your self-giving this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church, by cash in the 'Green buckets', using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website at www.cafod.org.uk.



ASSISTANTS REQUIRED The McCarthy family are looking for salaried individuals to join their team of Personal Assistants supporting their 15 year old daughter Martha on a regular basis with her activities and personal care at their home in Sunninghill. Working 4.30-7.30pm one evening a week during school term time and/or 6-8 hours one Saturday or Sunday a month. Additional school holiday hours may also be available, so flexibility is a bonus. Experience with special needs preferred but buckets of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are just as important. Martha loves music, dancing, theatre, stories and general silliness! Enhanced DBS required (they will arrange this). If you are interested, contact Angela by email at angela.mccarthy14@gmail.com for salary and other details.

'NOURISHING OUR SPIRITS' - A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN

On Saturday 12th March 2022 from 9.30am until 12.30pm a Seminar for women will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Maidenhead, SL6 7EG. The seminar is free of charge but registration is required. To register, please email Margaret Tackney at margarettackney@yahoo.co.uk. Please see the poster in the Church porch for more information.

THAMES HOSPICE, MAIDENHEAD fundraising project is ongoing and jars are available in the porch to take home and fill. Thames Hospice is a charity which offers care for those suffering end-of-life illnesses, including people who wish to die at home surrounded by their loved ones. Cheques and bank transfer details are available in the porch for anyone who wishes to make a one-off donation. This project is sponsored by The Knights of St. Columba.



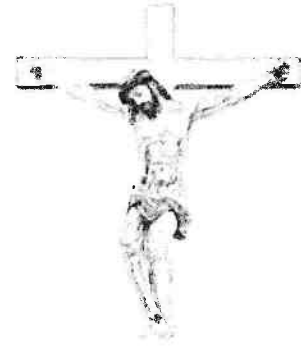
LENT RESOURCES

- 'My Day by Day' Junior - A small resource book for children to use during Lent.
- 'My Day by Day' - Adult edition with scripture readings for Mass.
- 'Bible Alive' - Reflections for each of the days of Lent.
- Lent Calendar for Children (available next week!)

A donation for these publications would be welcomed. Thank you!

ST FRANCIS, ASCOT

LENT 2022



- March 2nd Ash Wednesday: Masses 10am and 7.30pm
- Weekend 5th/6th March: Meditation at Mass *'The Road to the Cross'*
- Wednesday 9th March: Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass
- Friday 11th March: Stations of the Cross 10.30am
- Weekend 12th/13th March: Meditation at Mass *'The Road to the Cross'*
- Tuesday 15th March: *'St Paul and 2023'* (Spiritual reflection led by Fr Kevin on next year's synod in Rome) 7.30pm *(Livestreamed)*
- Wednesday 16th March: Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass
- Friday 18th March: Stations of the Cross 10.30am
- Weekend 19th/20th March: Meditation at Mass *'The Road to the Cross'*
- Tuesday 22nd March: *'St Paul and 2023'* (Spiritual reflection led by Fr Kevin on next year's synod in Rome) 7.30pm *(Livestreamed)*
- Wednesday 23rd March: Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass
- Friday 25th March: Mass for Annunciation of the Lord 10am and 7.30pm
Stations of the Cross after the 10am Mass.
- Weekend 26th/27th March: Meditation at Mass *'The Road to the Cross'*
- Tuesday 29th March: *'St Paul and 2023'* (Spiritual reflection led by Fr Kevin on next year's synod in Rome) 7.30pm *(Livestreamed)*
- Wednesday 30th March: Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass
- Friday 1st April: Stations of the Cross 10.30am
- Weekend 2nd/3rd April: Meditation at Mass *'The Road to the Cross'*
- Tuesday 5th April: *'St Paul and 2023'* (Spiritual reflection led by Fr Kevin on next year's synod in Rome) 7.30pm *(Livestreamed)*
- Wednesday 6th April: Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass
- Friday 8th April: Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass

Full details of Holy Week Masses and Liturgies to follow.



LET US PRAY THAT WE MAY WE KEEP A
HOLY AND FULFILLING LENT

FATIMA DEVOTIONS
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP

Monday - Friday at 1.30pm

30 Minutes of praying the Rosary

As requested by Our Lady

ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW

MON 28th February - FRI 4th March

ZOOM ID : 742 6392 8015

PASSWORD : rosary



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