

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS

Baptisms now have no restrictions on numbers attending however we will continue baptising infants with a single family at any one celebration.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021

The enrolment of children and young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2021-2022 is open now until Sunday 5th September 2021. To enrol your child, please visit our parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tottenham/> and click on the corresponding forms link.

If you need any help completing the forms, please contact the Parish Catechetical Coordinator Marcelle Jemide at tottenhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk For further information please, contact the parish office.

This year's requirements are that the children and families are parishioners of St Francis de Sales who regularly attend Mass on Sundays or Vigil Mass on Saturdays at our parish. If your child is studying at our school of St Francis de Sales but not living in the parish area, it is recommended that they enrol in their local parishes.

RCIC AND RCIA 2021

Both groups will resume their meetings in September. Have a lovely summer holiday.

FUNERALS

The number of people assembling in the church is now unrestricted. However, we will keep the self-distance in placed.

Please for the repose of the soul of Winifred Jackson whose funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 10am.

WEDDINGS

Weddings can be celebrated at this time with the number of people we could safely accommodate in church.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday 10am
Thursday 10am
Friday 7pm
Saturday Vigil 7pm
Sunday 9.00am and 11.00am

Livestreaming Mass on
Sunday at 11am

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 10am to 12noon

Please pray for the souls of:

Alan Daniel, Christopher Ajayi
Charles Roberts, Sr Sylvia McCarthy,
Rita Belma, Bridie Collins, Frank
Wallace, Comfort Oparah, Leonie
Bacchus, Bridget Ugwo, Kenneth Marie,
Krisnamah Durasamy, Fidelia Anienwelu,
Gerald Eze Durueke, Christiana Osei-
Kuffour, Agnes Ofori- Mensah, Lino
Fusco, Carmen Thorpe, Anne Dunleavy,
Tony Moore, Mary Ryan, Rosa
Fernandes, Helena Keers, Eileen Hanley,
Amy Lorna Guniss, Bridie Morrissey,
Vera Moyles, Salvatore Infantino, Juliana
Carvalho, Stuart Stooles, Thelma Harvey,
Winifred Jackson and all our brothers and
sisters who have fallen asleep in peace
with our Lord.

Let your perpetual light shine upon
them. May they rest in peace.
Amen



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Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide



Readings: Joshua 24:1-2,1-18; Psalm 33 (34):2-3,16-23;
Ephesians 5:25-32; John 6:60-69

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Today we read the last part of the so-called Discourse on the Bread of Life from the Gospel of John. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). This teaching shocked his disciples who could not take it and understand why Jesus was asking them to eat his flesh and drink blood, since the latter is totally forbidden to eat by the Jewish law when eating animals' flesh and it is unthinkable to eat human flesh! Jesus does not mince his words and reaffirms his teaching, and many stopped following him saying that this is an intolerable doctrine! Jesus asked his most intimate disciples, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" (Jn 6:67)

What do we make of this teaching of Jesus?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained' (No. 1374). Therefore, in the Eucharist the consecrated bread and wine are the Real Presence of Jesus' Body and Blood that nourishes us. It is not merely a symbol but the real Presence of the Son of God. Why? Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. He wants to become one with us, as a husband joins his wife in matrimony, they become one. Today's second reading it's a beautiful reflection of that love that God the husband has for his wife, the Church that's, you and I. God's plan of salvation is directed to our participation in his intimate divine life through our baptism and the other Sacraments but above all through the "Communion" in his Body and Blood at the Eucharist whereby we become one in him sharing in the intimate life of God the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity and divinity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). At every Mass, let us approach the table of the Lord with grateful hearts and adore his Presence among us in these gifts of his Body and Blood present here on earth, following the inspired words from our patron saint:

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

- St. Francis de Sales

Sunday at St Francis De Sales Church

Holy Father's Intention for August – The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Maria Buttiegieg RIP, Pat & Mary Moran RIP **11am** Cyril Kisarkye RIP, Cecilia Gawu Thanksgiving **Tuesday** Felix & Guillaume Begue RIP, John Scanlan RIP, Ian O'Reilly RIP, Charles Roberts Anniversary **Thursday** Joanna Polarko RIP, Sharon Morley INT, Mariano Pestejo RIP **Friday** Dolores Salami RIP, Sacred Heart of Jesus Thanksgiving **Saturday** Michel & Lucette Duval RIP, Peter Meredith RIP

PARISH NEWS

OUR PLACE OF WORSHIP GUIDELINES FOR 2021

As the government had announced the end of all restrictions, the Conference of Bishops of England Wales has issued guidelines for our places of worship, which we have adopted and adapted it to keep our church and parishioners' safe. We recognise that the presence of the virus and the risk of spreading is still among us. Therefore, we will continue applying the previous safety measures following the guidance provided for the Dioceses of England and Wales.

1. SEATING social distancing still applied but the seating space it is slightly reduced to allow increase in number of people to attend Mass.
2. FACE COVERINGS are still required, to mitigate risk of virus transmission.
3. SANITISATION of hands will remain as previously. Sanitisation of the church after Mass continues.
4. STEWARDSHIP will continue, please follow the lead of the stewards who have been faithfully ministering throughout the last 15 months.
5. REGISTRATION will continue. Preferably via QR and alternatively write your details on the registration cards at the entrance of the church.
6. ONE WAY SYSTEM will remain in place.
7. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING will be gradually re-introduced but face covering must be worn. We will start singing the Alleluia and the Holy, holy, holy...
8. HOLY COMMUNION will continue to be in one kind and on the hand only until further notice.
9. COLLECTION will continue to be at the end of Mass as people exit from the church.
10. HOLY WATER in the stoups are still not allowed but please bring your own bottle of water and ask Father David to bless it.
11. THE SIGN OF PEACE no physical sign of peace is still recommended. We will continue exchanging the social distance sign of peace until further notice.
12. MASS TIMES will remain as it is until further notice.
13. The church will be open earlier on weekday Masses for private prayer.

If you are late for Mass and there are no more places available in church, please make your way towards the Parish Hall on Brereton Road.

SPURS STADIUM FOOTBALL MATCHES, EVENTS SCHEDULE AND CAR PARK PASSES

The next match will take place on **Sunday 29th August at 14:00**. Please take all precautions when you come to Mass and apply for a parking card if you come by car. Please be reminded that the school car park entrance on match days is from the rear entrance on the Brereton Road. On non-event days is from the High Road. Please arrive half an hour before Mass starts as the entrance of the carp park will close 5 minutes before Mass. See note below.

If you have not got a car pass, please meet Kate Worley after Mass to ask for it and fill the appropriate forms or make an appointment in the parish office to obtain one.

APPEAL FOR STEWARDS TO OPEN THE SCHOOL CAR PARKING ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

As the activities at the SPURS stadium are resuming, we are able to start using the School Playground to park vehicles during 9am and 11am Mass and on Saturdays when an earlier event means parking restrictions remain in force until 8pm. For this we need to have Stewards to open and close the gates and ensure that the cars and school premises are secured. This is a Health Safety requirement without which, we will not be able to open it. Ideally, we would like to have 3 stewards per Mass and we kindly request parishioners volunteering to arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass, as the school playground gates will be closed 5 minutes before Mass starts so that the stewards can participate at Mass and reopen after Mass, allowing vehicles to leave, locking up and completing checks before leaving. If you can help, please contact Fr David or send us an email to tottenham@rcdow.org.uk Your help is much appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2021 ONWARDS

We will revert back to one Mass intention per Mass and not many intentions on one Mass as we have been allowed so far, given the circumstances caused by Covid-19 that has restricted the number of Masses during this period. Please strive to book your Mass intentions in advance rather than asking on the day or the week.

PARISH FINANCES

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new planned giving envelopes are ready for collection from the parish office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sunday after Mass. If you have not registered yet, please let us know by calling on 02088083554 or send an email tottenham@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS: At this time of the lock down we are receiving very few donations. Please consider helping us more by setting up a Bank Standing Order or donate online through our website, <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tottenham/donate/> our details are:

Account Name: WRCDT Tottenham

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 71264397

DONATIONS: We have received the previous week in Easter Envelopes £5, Envelopes £878.15 Loose Plate £355.71 Standing Orders (July) £ £3,136. Thank you for your generosity.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES RESTORATION WALL APPEAL

To-date we have received a total of £20,236.11 from donations towards the cost. Thank you very much for your generosity