

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our recently newly baptised members of the Church Olivia Maika Danielle Dupont, Amaris Oyefolabi Fatusin and Destiny Uwalaka and their families.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021

The enrolment of children and young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2021-2022 is open 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 after the Sunday 12th September.

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

Congratulations to Patrick Ward and Blaze O'Driscoll whose wedding was celebrated yesterday here at St Francis de Sales. May the Lord bless them in their new married life.

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 Stoolle, 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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Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; Psalm 14 (15):2-5;
James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR B 2021

Don't just talk the talk but walk the walk!

In the Jewish tradition at the time of Jesus when the Temple of Jerusalem was still standing, the Jewish authorities made by a group called the Pharisees, developed an additional interpretation to the Law of Moses (Torah) known as the Talmud. They considered that there was 613 commandments in the Torah. The 613 commandments include "positive commandments", to perform an act, and "negative commandments", to abstain from certain acts. The negative commandments number 365, which coincides with the number of days in the solar year, and the positive commandments number 248, a number ascribed to the number of bones and main organs in the human body. In today's Gospel Jesus has an encounter with the Pharisees who reproached Jesus for not following the ritual laws of purification before meals. Jesus tackles their reproach but going to the root of their misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the Law as he calls them 'hypocrites' because they talk the talk but do not walk the walk. In a way, the Pharisees had not submitted themselves, as St James says in his letter, to the Word of God. The Word of God has not rooted in their hearts but rather they ingeniously manipulate and twist the word of God to fit their own needs and whims and pretend (hypocrite) to be law abiding in public. They listen to the Word of God from Torah but do not obey it and it bears no fruit at all because they continue to put burdens on people's backs and as Jesus quotes Isaiah, they are people who honour God with their lips but not with their hearts. Today's readings invite us to reflect on this question: Is my worship of God a lip-service alone? Do I talk the talk and walk the walk as a Christian?

None of us can talk the talk and walk the walk if we do not listen to the Word of God and allowed it to penetrate into our hearts. Meaning, to seriously ponder on it and accept to be questioned and let his Word bring light to my dark places in my life which, I do not want to see and visit myself and even less to let the others see it. The heart in biblical terms, is the centre of the person's life, the seat of human activity and emotion, and the battleground where crucial decisions between good and evil are taken. Often, we fail to listen to the Word of God (Jesus) because we are distracted by many things. We may hear it but not listen to it and forget about it and consequently our hearts (life) may not get transformed and we may continue living in our old ways and thinking and acting hypocritically, like the Pharisees but not really being bother by it. This is dangerous because we may become blind and insensitive to the prompts of the Holy Spirit, seeing the needs of the wife the husband the children, the neighbours, society and start living a life of absolute loneliness and indifference. Today let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to listen to his Word and let that Word be rooted in our hearts to enable us to talk the talk and walk the walk with Christ.

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 Margaret Kilbane RIP, Andrew & Maria McLoughlin RIP, Giselle Yessoh
Thanksgiving 11am Dolores Salami RIP, Peggy Gaffey RIP **Tuesday** Isobel Goldring
RIP, Bette King RIP, Anne Ajewole **Thanksgiving Thursday** Theresa Barry RIP, *Pray*
for John Julien **Thanksgiving Friday** Jim Phelan RIP, *Pray for* Ulisan Jemide
Thanksgiving Saturday Arnold Adams RIP, *Pray for* David Anthony McAuliffe & Gerry
Connelly RIP

PARISH NEWS

NEW MASS TIMES AND SERVICES FROM 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021

After such a long period of time of restrictions that had forced us to reduce the number of Masses and services in our Church, we are now ready to resume our weekly Masses including the Saturday Mass, Exposition and Confession as many parishioners have requested. Please, see below the new timetable for this year. Please notice that Fr David will take a day off on Wednesdays and Rev. Matteo Di Giuseppe will celebrate a Communion Service on that day.

We will keep the weekday Masses times at 10am. The Sunday Masses will remain as it is at present, Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday at 9am and 11am. The 1pm Mass will be part of the Programme for the children and families of the First Holy Communion group 2021-2022.

Therefore, Mass times and services will be as below from Monday 6th September 2021.

Monday 10am Mass

Tuesday 10am Mass

Wednesday (8th September exceptionally, Mass for the birth of our Lady at 10 am) from **15th September Communion Service with Rev Matteo at 10am.**

Thursday 10am Mass

Friday 9:30am School children's Mass; 7pm Parish Mass

Saturday 10am Mass, with Rosary and Exposition; 10:30am to 11:15am Confessions

Saturday 7pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9am Mass and 11am Mass; 1pm First Holy Communion Children's Liturgy Mass.

We are most grateful to our kind and generous parishioners who are volunteering to make possible to resume our Masses and Services.

LEGION OF MARY ST FRANCIS DE SALES PRESIDIUUM

The Legion of Mary has resumed its meetings which takes place every Tuesday after the 10am Mass in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited.

APPEAL FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHES TO HELP AFGAN REFUGEE FAMILIES

E5babybank is a Charity based in Hackney which is asking for urgent help to assist 130 families from Afghanistan. They need: children's clothes (age 0-12 years), small baby/toddler toys, disposable nappies (all sizes), wipes, nappy bags, baby food, Stage 1 formula milk, disposable sanitary and maternity pads, breast pads. All items need to be in very good condition and clean. You can drop them at Clapton Seventh Day Adventist Church (side door) 26 Chelmer Road Clapton, London E9 6AY. For more information please, visit their website [DONATE ITEMS | E5 Baby Bank](#) or bring it to the Parish Office during the week.

SPURS STADIUM EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND CAR PARK PASSES

The next football will take place on **Sunday 19th September at 16:30 and possibly the fight of Anthony Joshua vs Oleksandr on Saturday 25th** 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 car park will close 5 minutes before Mass. If you have not got a car pass, please book an appointment through the parish Office via email or phone.

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 £20, Envelopes £1,014.20 Loose Plate £355.71 Standing Orders (July) £ £3,136. Thank you for your generosity.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £ 20,440.42. Thank you very much for your generosity.