

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 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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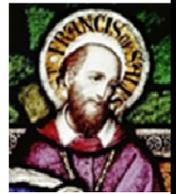
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Parish Priest: Fr David Lucuy Claros

Parish Administrator: Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska.

Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide



Readings: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10; Psalm 44
(45):10-12,16; 1Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

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VIRGIN MARY YEAR B 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Solemnity celebrates the special place that Mary has in the life of the Church. This dogma of faith in the Church was formally recognised and proclaimed on 15 August 1950 by Pope Pius XII. Perhaps some of our parishioners would still remember that day when it was broadcasted on the radio. However, this dogma is not a novelty but a recognition and affirmation of what the Church believed throughout her history. This dogma of the Assumption teaches that, *"The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."* (Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus* 44)

As with the case of Jesus' resurrection, we need to look at the meaning of what the Solemnity is about. The Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI said in his General Audience on this feast in 2006, *"By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful."*

Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon."

At this time in which we are going through sad shadows of sufferings caused by the pandemic and many other difficult situations. The celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, comes to light up our world and our way by inviting us to look up to heaven, our final destination, rather than looking down hopelessly at our broken world and our sad situations alone. Mary our Mother is always close to us; she invites us to take refuge in her and to look up with hope at her Son Jesus Christ, who has given us the gift of eternal life.

Let us pray with an extract of a prayer by Pope St Pius X:

"We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes, which wept over the earth crimsoned by the blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world racked by wars and persecutions, the oppression of the just and the weak. From the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance, tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts, and help in the trials of Church and country. We believe finally that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and the saints, and from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you our life, our sweetness, our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, so that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary." Amen

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 James Shine RIP, Anne Ajewole Thanksgiving **11am** Anthony & Sonia Thomas Thanksgiving, George Obizulike RIP **Tuesday** Christopher Ajayi RIP, Jane & Sr Shaun Smith RIP, Joe Cribbins RIP **Thursday** Eileen O'Donogue RIP, Peggy Khoo RIP, Lucy Dawson INT, John Lai Kit, Joe, Lise Lagolit INT **Friday** James Shine RIP, Thanksgiving **Saturday** Bernard Hegarthy 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 will be able to resume 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 will 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.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR CHRISTOPHER AJAYI

A memorial Mass for our parishioner Christopher Ajayi will be celebrated on Saturday 21st August here at St Francis de Sales at 12noon and followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Christopher's family cordially invited all parishioners and friends to attend the Mass and reception.

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 (June) £3,736.50. 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