

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTISMS

Our next baptism course will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Hall at 12noon.

Congratulations to our newly baptised children and the families of Olivia Chinwe Nwanko and James AnthonyCoyle.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021

The enrolment of children and young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2021-2022 will close tonight 5<sup>th</sup> September at 12am.

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

RCIC will resume their meetings on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September after 11am Mass.

RCIA will resume on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in the parish hall.

### FUNERALS

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

### WEDDINGS

If you planning to get married, please give us a call or send an email to the parish office. Couples wishing to marry here or in any Catholic Church need to give at least six months' notice of their intentions.

## MASS TIMES

**Tuesday 10am**

**Thursday 10am**

**Friday 7pm**

**Saturday Vigil 7pm**

**Sunday 9am and 11am**

**Livestreaming Mass on Sunday at 11am**

### CONFESSIONS

**Suspended until further notice**

**New Mass Times and Services to be updated on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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,  
KrisnamahDurasamy, 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: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145(146):7-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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### Ephphatha, Be opened!

"Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The lovely things kept me far from you, though if they did not have their existence in you, they had no existence at all. You called and cried out loud and **shattered my deafness**. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to **flight my blindness**. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."

*St Augustine of Hippo, Confessions.*

St Augustine's quote reflects beautifully today's Gospel reading in which the Lord has opened the ears of the deaf man. St Augustine was deaf to the Word of God throughout his years of youth, and he could not listen to God through his mother Monica and the Church because he was distracted seeking happiness in the wisdom of the world that gave him fame and popularity, temporarily. Eventually St Augustine's ears were opened by the preaching of the great Bishop of Milan, St Ambrose. He made a deep impression on the young and proud Augustine that has opened his ears to listen carefully to God. The Lord has worked through the words of preaching and the life of St Ambrose. The effect of listening to the Word of God, meaning, to Jesus himself, has not only opened his ears to hear God but also to see himself and God in his life. The book called, "The Confessions" its testimony of the revelation of God and his love for him. Today the Lord wants to open our spiritual ears by piercing it with his powerful word of life. Perhaps you and I are, as St Augustine was initially, deafened by the cacophony of the world that surrounded him and find ourselves so engrossed in the things of our rapid changing world that crippled our ability to listen patiently and there is little room for reflection and time for the other. Today let us listen to the Word of the Lord which brings life and enlightenment to our lives and, may we be bearers of the Good News we have received and proclaim it to all the people around us, as the man who was cured of his deafness.

Fr David

## Sunday at St Francis De Sales Church

**Holy Father's Intention for September 2021**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** The Louise Family RIP, *Pray for* Bridie Cunnane RIP **11am** John Carey RIP, *Pray for* Ulisan Thanksgiving & Rui Gomes RIP **2pm** Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass **Tuesday** Kathleen Barry RIP, *Pray for* James Shine RIP ; Winifred Jackson RIP, *Pray for* Emmanuel Cotter RIP **Thursday** Patrick Callan RIP, *Pray for* Patricia Philips *Thanksgiving* **Friday** Margaret Fitzgerald RIP, *Pray for* Dean McKenna RIP *Pray for* Thanksgiving to God **Saturday 7pm** Arlette Guerra RIP *Pray for* Donald Pope RIP

### PARISH NEWS

#### NEW MASS TIMES AND SERVICES POSTPONED UNTIL 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

Regrettably, Fr David is unwell and in self-isolation from this weekend onwards. Thanks be to God Fr Lopitofrom Rome and Fr Matthew from the Nigerian Chaplaincy, have agreed to cover Masses for the parish during his time of self-isolation. Due to the current situation, it seems more appropriate to postpone the restoration of "normal" weekdays Masses and services proposed previously, until 17<sup>th</sup> October, because Fr David is due to take his annual leave from 29<sup>th</sup> September until 13<sup>th</sup> October. The Mass intentions booked for Monday and Saturday morning will be transferred to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Masses. Please accept our sincere apologies for this. In the meantime, we will continue with the current scheduled Mass times until 17<sup>th</sup> October. Saturday Reconciliations are suspended until further notice. The Sunday 1pm Mass for the children and families of the First Holy Communion group 2021-2022 will start on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

We will welcome Deacon Matteo Di Giuseppe in our parish next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

#### LEGION OF MARY ST FRANCIS DE SALES PRESIDUM

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

#### LIFE AND PRAYER WORKSHOP 2021

We have the intention to resume The Life and Prayer Workshop that was suspended last year from October Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall, subject to confirmation. Please contact the Parish Office to enrol for this workshop.

#### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you have relative or neighbour you care for, who would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit. Please let us know so that we can arrange a visit and appoint an extraordinary minister of Communion. Please, contact the parish office via phone or email.

#### RED SANCTUARY LAMP / BLUE LAMP BY OUR LADY

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one, or for someone's intentions please contact Elisabete in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10 for each of the lamps, the names will appear on the newsletter for the specific week.

### SPURS STADIUM EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND CAR PARK PASSES

The next football match will take place on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 16:30 and the fight of Anthony Joshua vs Oleksandr on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** 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 park pass, please book an appointment through the parish Office via email or phone.

### MASS INTENTIONS FROM OCTOBER 2021 ONWARDS

We will revert back to one Mass intention per Mass and not many intentions on one Mass as it has been 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. Thanks.

### 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](#). We will have a second collection to help them next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### 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](mailto:tottenham@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you for your generosity.

**DONATIONS:** At this trying time, we are receiving less donations due to the social distancing. 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: WRCDD 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.