

## 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 Elijah Ademeno and Amara Deonna Maria.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021

The enrolment of children and young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2021-2022 is closed.

Please expect an email of confirmation of enrolment from the Parish Catechist Coordinator Marcelle Jemide by 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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 meet this Sunday in the parish hall after 11am Mass.

RCIA will resume on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in the parish hall. If you would like to join this group, please contact the parish Catechetical Coordinator Marcelle Jemide or Fr David.

### FUNERALS

The number of people assembling in the church is now unrestricted. However, we are keeping 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.

We rejoice with Frederico and Adelina Fino whose wedding will be celebrated on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## MASS TIMES

**Tuesday 10am**

**Thursday 10am**

**Friday 7pm**

**Saturday Vigil 7pm**

**Sunday 9am and 11am**

**Livestreaming Mass on Sunday at 11am**

**CONFESSIONS**

**10am to 12noon**

**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,  
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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**Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide**



**Readings:** Wisdom 2:12,17-20; Psalm 53 (54):6,8 James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B 2021

### Greatness according to Jesus

Most people have received the teaching and been pushed to seek and work hard to get the first place in everything. We live in an extremely competitive society where there are a lot of pressure to perform to the top and beyond of your abilities in any line of work and studies. Most people are looking for greatness in their lives through success in their careers most likely following the most public arena in the world of sports, fashion, art and becoming a TV star. Often our society's mentality of greatness and seeking greatness through fame is very much based on the individual desire to shine and get recognition and respect or even worship from the others that would feed the person's ego. This is the way the Apostles of Jesus were thinking as they were arguing who was the greatest among them while walking on the road. Their minds were not transformed yet into the mind of God. They needed instruction from the Lord as we all need. The Gospels do not hide the defects of the Apostles but rather portrays them as been slow to understand Jesus' teaching. Their minds were closed to his teaching about becoming the "Servant of God" who will give his life for the forgiveness of the sins of the world. While Jesus was teaching them what will happen in the coming days, they had their ears closed and did not listen because they were more preoccupied with their own ideas of what they will become when Jesus is crown king of Israel and looking forward to their privilege places in his kingdom. You and I can be also unwittingly living with this mentality of greatness through success and individual recognition. Perhaps we have also closed our minds and ears to hear Jesus' teaching because we are too preoccupied with our own projects to get happiness and dreaming successful lives with abundance and comfort, which is not a bad thing to dream about. However, all these projects may be based on our self-centredness and everything we do is oriented in that direction. The greatness that Jesus is teaching the Apostles and us today, is that of service in humility and not upbuilding of the self alone. Jesus teaches that we may consider others as superior to us and do serve them as if the other was Jesus himself, which means as if the other is God himself. The Gospel of Matthew chapter 25:31-46 is a good example of this teaching. Whatever we do to the least of his brothers we did it to him. Jesus has come to serve and not to be served (cf. Mt 20:28) This he has taught his Apostles and to us, by humbling himself when he took the last place at the Last Supper as the slave of the house by washing their feet (cf. Jn 13:1-20).

Today let us ask the Lord to give us the spirit of the servant, to serve our brothers and sisters with genuine love and without any prideful judgement. To enable us to conform to the mind of God and not to the world and to open our ears and eyes to achieve greatness according to the teaching of the Lord.

Fr David

## Sunday at St Francis De Sales Church

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (Red) is offered for the intentions of **Ulisan, Omayeli and Mofe Jemide**

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose of the souls of **Andrew and Dolores Salami**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** Kevin Keers RIP, Kenneth Marie RIP **11am** Omayeli Jemide Thanksgiving, Mary Foley RIP **Tuesday** Kathleen Moran RIP, Fredrick Lee Foon RIP, Sharon Morley INT, Rosalina Coutinho ANNIV **Thursday** Nicole & Bruce Nyazika Thanksgiving, Barney Morgan INT, Fam Su Seng ANNIV, St Pio of Pietrelcina **Friday** Winifred Jackson RIP, Our Lady of Walsingham **Saturday 7pm** Kenneth Marie RIP

### PARISH NEWS

#### WELCOME TO REV MATTEO DI GIUSEPPE IN OUR PARISH

We are delighted to welcome Deacon Matteo Di Giuseppe in our parish, who is going to stay with us for a whole year in preparation for his priestly ordination next year, please God. Please introduce yourselves to him at the end of Sunday Mass.

#### APPEAL FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ATTEND SUNDAY 11AM MASS

We have recently started the counting of people at Sunday Masses and notice that more people are attending since September. However, the major attendance is concentrated at the 11am Mass. This has been quite stressful for everyone, especially for our stewards who struggle and at times receive abuse at the door as people try to make their way into the church at the last minute or late for Mass. I totally understand that this is the preferred Mass for many because it is convenient, but I invite everyone to be considerate and try to attend the earlier Mass at 9am or Saturday Vigil 7pm where there are more spaces and less people attending these Masses. Thank you very much for your understanding and collaboration.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### NEW READER'S MINISTERS AND CATECHISTS' INVITATION 2021

We would like to invite any member of our parish community to take part in the ministry of Readers with training to follow soon. Also, we need more volunteers to help with the First Holy Communion, Religious Education, Confirmation and Catechesis for Adults (RCIA). If you are interested, please let us know by sending an email to the Parish Catechetical Coordinator Marcelle Jemide at [tottenhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tottenhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) or call to the Parish Office.

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

Due to the Boxing Event at the Stadium on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, road closures will be in operation both before and after evening Mass.

If you wish to drive to Mass, please allow plenty of time for traffic and to enter via the vehicle check points on Tenterden Road and Church Road to enable you to park in the rear car park off Brereton Road.

You will need to show your green Spurs pass dated 2019-2020 which is still valid to the stewards at the check point and at the entry to the car park. Without this pass you will be refused entry.

Parking restrictions will apply in Brereton Road but if you are validly using a blue disabled badge you can park in the resident bays during Mass.

Please follow instructions of stewards as vehicles will be entering the area to use the front school car park throughout the evening.

If you use local buses to get to church remember they will be diverted throughout the evening.

### BRERETON ROAD CHURCH ENTRANCE IS A PRIORITY CAR PARK

The church car park from the Brereton Road now is officially a "Priority Car Park" designated for parishioners who are disabled or have mobility issues. Special Priority Card Passes will be issued from the parish for the use of this space. Please be considerate and respect this space for our parishioners who need them. If you come to Mass on Sunday, please plan your journey and park in the school car park which is available for you, thanks to the volunteers who give their time.

### 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: WRCDT Tottenham**

**Sort Code: 40-05-20**

**Account Number: 71264397**

**DONATIONS:** We have received the previous week in Envelopes £804.24 Loose Plate £310.62 Standing Orders (August) £3,446.50. Thank you for your generosity.

#### ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £ 20,492.17. Thank you very much for your generosity.