SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS
Congratulations to our newly baptised children and the family of Daniella and Exaucee Bahembila.
Next baptism preparation course is next Saturday 30th October at 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021-22
The First Holy Communion programme has started, the enrolment Mass for all FHC parents and children will be at 1pm on Sunday 7th November. The next session for all FHC Parents is on Tuesday 9th November from 6pm-7pm in the Parish Hall.
The next Confirmation session is on Monday 1st November at 6pm in the Parish Hall for candidates. Please remember to bring your Bibles. If you have not received an email from the Parish Catechist Coordinator Marcelle Jemide regarding the start of FHC and Confirmation programme please contact her at tottenhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

RCIC AND RCIA 2021
RCIC will meet this Sunday 24th October in the parish hall after the 11am Mass, from 12 noon to 1pm.
The next RCIA meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th October at 5.45pm 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 Patrick Chidi and Cordelia Ugwu, whose wedding will be celebrated today Sunday 24th October 2021.

MASS TIMES AND CONFESSIONS

Monday 10am
Tuesday 10am
Wednesday ***Communion Service*** 10am
Thursday 10am
Friday 7pm
Saturday 10am
Saturday (Vigil) 7pm
Sunday 9am and 11am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am
Saturday 6pm to 6.45pm

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 Morrisey, Vera Moyles, Salvatore Infantino, Juliana Carvalho, Stuart Stoole, 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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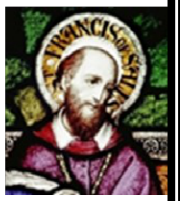

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 125(126); Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 2021

Baptism the Sacrament of Enlightenment

Baptism it is called the Sacrament of "enlightenment" because the baptized becomes "a son and daughter of light" (Ephesians 5:8). The blind Bartimaeus meeting with Jesus, his request for healing, the miracle worked by Jesus and Bartimaeus desire to follow Him "evoke the catechumen's (those preparing for baptism) itinerary towards the sacrament of Baptism, called 'Illumination' in the early Church. Pope Benedict XVI said, 'The faith is a journey of illumination: it starts from humble recognition of the need for salvation and leads to a personal encounter with Christ who calls us to follow Him on the path of love'. *(Angelus Prayer 29 October 2006).* In the early Church, people were baptised when they were adults and of course there were infants too since there were whole households been baptised at once. In the first years of the Church's life, the candidates for baptism (Catechumens) were preparing for baptism for about three years or more. In that period of time (Catechumenate) they were instructed on becoming disciples of Christ by catechists. This period of preparation was a period in which their eyes to the faith in Jesus Christ were open gradually from the darkness of the worldly mindset and spiritual blindness. Many were living like beggars, as Bartimaeus did. He depended on others to bring him to a place to beg for food. Many people led a life begging for love, affection and doing things just to be accepted and love without understanding why they were acting and doing thigs and living a life that did not made them happy and did not have the courage or did not have anyone to open they eyes to the reality of the existence of God and his gratuitous love in Jesus Christ. Those who recognise that the Lord was passing on their way through the Church and Christians, decide to follow Christ and be baptised. They were like Bartimaeus who believed that the Christ could save them from their miserable or poor lives and risk everything by throwing away all their securities meaning, status family, jobs, popularity and money to follow Jesus Christ and become Christians. This is Bartimaeus action of throwing his cloak to go to Jesus and be cured. He threw away all his possessions and abandoned himself to the feet of Jesus. So, it is with those who wants to become disciples of Christ. Today the Lord invites you and me, to take a risk and cry out (to pray) to God in Jesus Christ, who is passing by on our way and join him as disciples. To ask him to open our eyes to see the love of God in our lives; to enlighten the darkness of our eyes which have been clouded by our selfishness, greed, comfort, lust, anger and worldly mindset. Let us ask make our own a prayer of Saint Clement of Alexandria: "until now I wandered in the hope of finding God, but since you enlighten me, O Lord, I find God through you and I receive the Father from you, I become your coheir, since you did not shrink from having me for your brother.

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 repose soul of Dolores Salami
This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose of the souls of the Cumberbatch family

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Genievie Mensah & Family Thanksgiving *pray for Elisabete Veselovska,* **11am** Dolores Salami RIP **Monday 10am** Joseph Nguyen RIP *pray for Josephine Horan* **Tuesday 10am** Andrew & Hanna Chmiel Thanksgiving *pray for Lidia Henriques RIP,* **Thursday** Vincent Nguyen RIP *pray for John Manion INT* **Friday** Irva McLoughlin RIP **Saturday** 10am Helena Thanksgiving **Saturday 7pm** Kenneth Marie RIP *pray for Helena Martinez Thanksgiving*

PARISH NEWS

Please remember NEXT SUNDAY 31ST THE CLOCKS GO ONE HOUR BACK

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is rescheduling its meeting to Sundays after the 11am Mass with effect from Sunday 31st October 2021. New members are welcome.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP 2021

We warmly invite you to join the Prayer and Life Workshops this coming Tuesday 26th October. Learn to establish an intimate relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ through Bible readings, Doctrinal messages and the practice of 15 Methods of Prayer during a period of 15 weeks with only 2 hour weekly meetings. The Workshop will start at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to enrol for this workshop. tottenham@rcdow.org.uk

NEW READER'S MINISTERS AND CATECHISTS' INVITATION 2021

We would like to invite any member of our parish community to be part in the ministry of Reader 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 or call to the Parish Office.

SPURS MATCHES AND EVENTS NEXT SATURDAY

The Next Match at the Stadium will be next Saturday 5.30pm kick off against Manchester United. Please be aware of the time which will affect our 7pm Mass as the match will finish by 7:15pm. Sadly there will be no parking available in the school or in the church. Please avoid driving on Saturday and try to attend Mass at another time on Sunday.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS FOR SPURS MATCH

The Spurs Club has kindly offered us some complimentary tickets for the next home UEFA Europa Conference League match against Dutch side **Vitesse on Thursday 4 November, 20:00 KO.** The parish would like to offer these to those parishioners who had not had the opportunity to go to the Stadium yet. Please write your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of the church to enter into the lottery and we will contact you to collect the tickets.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS FOR SPURS MATCH (continued)

With the exception of Juniors (Under 18s), all supporters will be subject to spot-checks on entering the stadium and will be required to show their fully vaccinated status or a negative test result no more than 48 hours prior to kick-off using their NHS COVID Pass via the NHS App. Please, we urge you to comply with this requirement.
Let us know if you need a disabled seating places as they are available.

FR JAKUB'S POSTPONED ORDINATION RECEPTION

We would like to celebrate Fr Jakub's Ordination celebration on **Saturday 13th November 2021** with a Thanksgiving Mass presided by Fr Jakub at 12noon and followed by a **"Bring & Share"** reception in the Parish Hall. Please let us know what would you like to bring for the reception by writing it on the sheet made available at the back of the church or send us an email to the parish office. We would like to have some delicious rice, noodles, meat, chicken, salads and fruits if possible. Please take into account that we do not have heating facilities in the kitchen.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S VACANCY

St Francis de Sales Catholic School is looking for a new governor. This could be a role for a parent of a child in the school, **but you do not need to have a child in the school** to become a governor. All governors work together to support and improve the school. Academy trustees have the same core responsibilities as governors. You do not have to have formal qualifications, but your skills and experience will be taken into consideration. Commitment to the role is very important. For more details, please have a look at the poster displayed on the church's notice board and email Debbie Keenan admin@sfds.haringey.sch.uk for more information and a tour of the school.

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 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** £1,061.85 **Loose Plate** £425.36 **Standing Orders (September)** £3,947.25 **CAFOD** £184.90. Thank you for your generosity.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £ 20,573.63. Thank you very much for your generosity