

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS

Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 3rd June at 12noon in the church. Please contact Marcelle Jemide on the parish office phone or email before attending the course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2023

Congratulations to all our children on their First Holy Communion Day!!!
A big thank you to all parents and catechists for all your support and prayers throughout the year.

SUNDAY 21ST MAY AT 2PM:

REHEARSAL for this Mass is on Tuesday 16th May at 5.30PM prompt start to 6.30pm; in Church.

RCIC: Next session – Sunday 14th May, starting with the 11am Mass; followed immediately after with a session upstairs in the Parish Hall from 12noon – 1pm. The front seat in Church will be reserved for the RCIC Children.

CONFIRMATION

Reconciliation Service: On Monday 15th May 2023 in Church from 6pm – 7.30pm. ALL CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND.

FUNERALS

For funeral arrangements, please contact the parish office and let us know the name of your loved one so that we can pray for his/her soul.

WEDDINGS

If you planning to get married, please 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

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 those who has recently fallen asleep in peace with the Lord:

Sean Kennedy, Agostinha Jones, Thomas Joyce, Gerald Patrick Kelly, John Joseph Burke, Mary Teresa (Maureen) Kiernan, Timothy O'Connor, Shane Kennedy, Selina Fernandes, Thomas Ryan, Linda Christine Butt, Margaret Ann Ball, Annette Moore, Lawrence Fernandez, Florence Okocha, Philomen Fernandes, Thomas Cosgrove, Virgilio Manalo, Dorothy Williams, Lodovina Pereira, Margaret Carr, Mary Derham, Juliana Asare, Anne Williams, Ivonne Harris, Catherine Everette, Aliyah Cardoso, Scarlette Yeboah, Luis Blanco, Seamus Cronin, Jason Kyriakides, Desiree Ann Seechan, Lyra Richards, Patricia Dilaver, Victoria Nma Odilli, Valentina Cuenco, Rene Petrouse 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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Safeguarding Officer: Vicky Gowdie



Readings: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 65:1-7,16,20; 1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR
A- 14/05/2023

We have a Father, we are not orphans

We are approaching fast to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to heaven. The disciples of Jesus felt sad at seeing the Lord's departure from his earthly time. However, they remember the promise of the Lord made at the last supper, as Jesus said that the Father will send the Advocate, meaning the Holy Spirit to be with them forever and that they will not be left orphans. (cf. John 14:16,16,26)

This is a wonderful and reassuring promise the Lord made to his disciples and to all of us today.

Many people in our current society are living like orphans, as Pope Francis pointed out, *"We live in a society that lacks the Father. A sense of being orphaned touches one's sense of belonging and fraternity"*. (Mass at Santa Marta 17 May 2020)

Many in our society are struggling with their problems and sufferings on their own strength. They have grown very tired and believe they have no one to turn to for help. Some turn to psychology, some to religion, some to yoga or other kind of ways to cope with human suffering. Many are experiencing a lot of loneliness and emptiness because there is no reference to God the Father and at times get into desperation and hopelessness. The common experience of people who live like orphans are that they believe that they have no choice but to earn love by working hard to please people because love is gain by merit. Instead, the son and daughter lives his/her life by grace, (*gratis*) knowing that the Father loves them as they are. The one who lives like an orphan, lacks freedom and is afraid of been rejected; this person is terrified of failure because it means to become unloved. The child of God, lives in freedom and rest in the knowledge that the Father loves them. The one who lives like an orphan forgets his/her origin and this leads to confusion and emptiness. How tragic is to live in this way! The Lord Jesus assures us today that we have not been left orphans, but we have God who is his Father and our Father. He is the source of our lives and our happiness. Jesus has opened the way for us to have access to the Father and we can now claim back our identity as his children. We can now rest in the Lord and find strength in his love as St Augustine once wrote: *You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.*" We have received the Holy Spirit that makes us children of God. We can live our lives in the light of grace and turn to our Father who loves us gratuitously as he does not demand anything from ourselves but to trust in Him. Let us live in the freedom of the children of God and rejoice today because we have a Father, we are not orphans.

Sunday at St Francis De Sales Church

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (Red) is offered for the special intentions of **Tony Watt**.

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose soul of **James Shine**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Larry Nelson ANNIV, Special Intention for Married Couples **11am** Thomas White RIP, Fr Peter Maher RIP (Livestreamed) **Monday 10am** Fr Peter Maher RIP **Tuesday 10am** John Aylward RIP, Tony Watt Special INT 7.15pm Julia Ariza Requiem Mass **Thursday 10am** Maria Lopes RIP, Nancy Egan RIP **7pm** Rene Petrouse RIP **Friday 7pm** Roderick Holleran RIP **Saturday 10am** Adelaide Owusu Banahene RIP **7pm** David, Lena Margaret McDonagh RIP, Sean Kennedy ANNIV RIP

PARISH NEWS

PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION BRING & SHARE 2023

We would like to celebrate this year's Pentecost with a Bring&Share reception in the Parish Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass on 28th May. Please bring your national dish to share with the community. Please let us know the dish you would be bringing to the party by writing on the sheets made available at the back of the church. Please dress in your national garments if you can. Let us celebrate the riches of our cultures and nationalities of our community in our birthday as the Church.

DEACON JUAN SOLA'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We are delighted to let you know that Rev. Juan Sola Garcia, have been accepted for Ordination to the Priesthood by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster Diocese. Rev. Juan's Ordination will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 24th June 2023 at 10.30am. The time will be confirmed in due time.

Many Congratulations Deacon Juan!

Please pray for Deacon Juan and all the Deacons from our Diocese as they prepare for their Priestly Ordination.

Fr Juan's First Mass will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 25th June at 12.30pm, follow by a Reception. Please save the date!

RCIA & RCIC – Mass for New Catholics on Saturday 20th May at 6pm at Westminster Cathedral. All who were Baptised/Received into the Church at Easter to attend with their families and friends. Starts at 4:45pm at Vaughan House with Tea & Welcome, 5pm Prayer Reflection; 5:30pm move to the Cathedral in preparation for Mass; and 6:00pm Mass.

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 18/05/23

As this Solemnity is a day of obligation, Masses will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm on Thursday 18th May.

THE GREAT HARINGEY DEANERY BANK HOLIDAY WALK 2023

Come and join the Great Haringey Deanery Holiday Walk on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2023. The Walk will depart from our parish at 9.15am. You can join for all or part of the day. Please sign your name on the list at the back of the church. For more details, please see the poster on the parish notice board.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH MARRIAGE COURSE 2023

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the ongoing Marriage Course of our Parish on Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May, evening sessions at 8pm in the Parish Hall and concluding on Saturday 27th May from 11am to 4pm. All couples are welcomed, particularly those who are intending to get married in the following months.

PLANNED-GIVING BOXES 2023-2024

The Planned Giving Boxes will be ready for collection. Please meet one of our parish finance committee members in the presbytery after Sunday Mass but our first preference is collection during weekdays from the Parish Office from 9am to 1pm or by appointment. Many thanks.

SPURS FOOTBALL MATCHES & EVENTS AT THE STADIUM - MAY 2023

Saturday 20th May at 12.30pm and a second one at 16.15. Please be aware that on this day road closures could be in operation until 7pm. Parking restrictions are in place during these match dates. Please plan your journey and avoid getting a penalty when you come to Mass.

Beyonce Concerts: Monday 29 May, Tuesday 30 May, Thursday 1 June, Saturday 3 June and Sunday 4 June 2023.

PARISH FINANCES

PARISH PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS

At this trying time, we are receiving less donations due to the consequences of the global health crisis which restricts the number of people attending Sundays Masses. These are some ways you can support us and help us to grow more.

1. We kindly would like to invite you to consider registering to any of our Planned Giving Schemes. If you have not registered yet, please let us know by calling on 02088083554 or send an email tottenham@rcdow.org.uk and contact our Parish Administrator Elisabete Veselovska.
2. At present the best way to help us is by setting up a Bank Standing Order, see details below.
3. If you are a taxpayer, please consider making a GIFT AID declaration for your donations, to enable the parish to claim back 25p for every £1 you donate.
4. We would ideally like to reduce the use of cash due to further costs incurred and would request that instead, if you can donate by card at church by tapping on the contactless machines as you go out of church or consider donating online through our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tottenham/donate>. Our bank details are as below:

Account Name: WRCDT Tottenham

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 71264397

Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.

DONATIONS:

We have received the previous week in Loose £588.91 Envelopes £196.70 Standing Orders (April) £3,293. PTF £657.83

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £31,348.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.