

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS

Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday **3rd June at 12noon** in the Parish Hall. 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.

RCIC: The sessions have now ended.

Certificates will be given to the Children at the Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 27th May at 7pm in Church.

CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal for Confirmation on Tuesday 23rd May at 6pm in church. ALL CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND with Parents and Sponsors.

Confirmation Mass with Bishop John S.: This Friday 26th May from 7pm – 9pm. Church doors will open at 6pm for photographs with the official photographer.

Thanksgiving Mass for Confirmation

Candidates, RCIA and RCIC Children: On Saturday 27th May at 7pm. Certificates will be given to all Candidates at this Mass.

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
Suspended
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, Scarllette Yeboah, Luis Blanco, Seamus Cronin, Jason Kyriakides, Desiree Ann Seechan, Lyra Richards, Patricia Dilaver, Victoria Nma Odilli, Valentina Cuenco, Rene Petrousse Bernard (Bernie) Meaney 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 1:12-14; Psalm 26:1,4,7-8; 1Peter 4:13-16;
John 17:1-11

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR
A- 21/05/2023

The Upper Room, Mary and the Mission of the Church

Today we celebrate the last Sunday of Eastertide and next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost. How do you and I prepare to receive the Holy Spirit?

Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord and the Apostles saw the Lord ascending to heaven. They remained staring at the clouds with sad faces, but they were comforted by the angel that assured them that the one who had ascended into heaven will come again in the same way as he ascended. Furthermore, the Lord Jesus told them that the Holy Spirit will come to them to make them witnesses of the Risen Lord and will proclaim the Good News of this new life in Christ to the whole world. (cf. Acts 1:11) The Apostles went to join Mary at the place where the Lord celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room which we know it as the Cenacle. They did what the Lord asked them to do, that is, to wait for the Holy Spirit who will give them power to be witnesses to the Resurrection and the new life we have got in Jesus the Lord. They have been given a huge mission which they could not have been able to accomplish by themselves. They were getting ready to fulfill such great mission the Lord gave them by gathering in prayer and asking for the Holy Spirit to come upon them. They did not just wait in idleness or just expecting things to happen like magic but they brought their whole lives, their fears and concerns, all their desires to do God's will and share the experience of the new life they have seen and heard from Jesus during his earthly life. They in a way, brought in prayer their inadequacy for the task and their worries and anxieties to face such big task. They learnt to trust in the Lord with the help of Mary, his mother supporting them in prayer besides them.

Today the Church invites you and I, to enter into the Upper Room with Mary and the Apostles and prepare ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit in our lives so that we may be able to fulfil our mission in the Church for the world, to proclaim the Gospel of the new life the Lord has given to us. Bring your fears, your concerns and anxieties to the Upper Room. Bring your whole life with all your joys and sadness, your anxieties and fears. Bring your sufferings and your petitions before the Lord who will give you a new spirit to face the daily realities you are struggling with to accept and embrace it.

Let us enter into the Upper Room with Mary and the Apostles and wait in prayer praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit who wants to fill our lives with his gifts to help us fulfill our mission as disciples of Christ.

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 special intentions of **Hannah Shine**.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Gerard Eze Durueke RIP, Eleanor Carey Special
INT **11am** Michael Kebbie RIP **Monday 10am** Anne Gallagher RIP, Roselyn Devoy
ANNIV **Tuesday 10am** Lawrence Crawley RIP, Dolores Salami RIP **Wednesday 11am** Rene
Petrouse RIP Funeral Mass **Thursday 10am** Frank Westley RIP, Richard Clarey INT **Friday**
7pm Confirmation Mass **Saturday 10am** Nana Akwasi Prempeh RIP **7pm** Prayers for the
Slattery & O'Gorman Families.

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 attire if you can. Let us celebrate the riches of our cultures and nationalities of our community in our birthday as the Church.

A MUSICAL EVENING CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE PARISH YOUTH PILGRIMS TO WYD 2023

We invite you to come and enjoy an evening of music, prayer and vocations stories in support of the parish young pilgrims going to the World Youth Day, gathering in Lisbon in August 2023. The Concert will take place on Friday 9th June starting at 6pm with performances by the young people, the parish choir and children's choir and some guests' performances. Tickets for the Concert are available at the back of the church after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

We would like to invite you also to a Reception after the Concert in the Parish Hall. We have a limited number of available tickets due to the limited space we have in the Hall. Please purchase a separate ticket for this event.

DEACON JUAN SOLA'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND FIRST MASS

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. 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!

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE ON 24TH MAY IS SUSPENDED

This Wednesday Communion Service is suspended due to the Funeral Mass for our school caretaker, T/L Rene Joseph Petrouse to be celebrated at 11am. Rene has been a long serving caretaker of our School of St Francis de Sales for more than 12 years. Please come pray and support his family at this difficult time.

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.

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.

EVENTS AT THE SPURS STADIUM – MAY AND JUNE 2023

Beyonce Concerts: Monday 29 May, Tuesday 30 May, Thursday 1 June, Saturday 3 June and Sunday 4 June 2023 at 6pm. Please be aware of the parking restrictions on events day. A number of side roads around the stadium are closed to general traffic access, from 4.30pm until one hour after the end of the event. **No vehicles other than emergency services and local residents/businesses or vehicles with the necessary permits are allowed to access the road closure zone.**

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 £529.36 Envelopes £1,106.51 Standing Orders (April) £3,293.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £31,388.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.