

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 2nd September at 12noon.

CONFIRMATION, RCIA & RCIC

CERTIFICATES: Please collect your certificate from the Parish Office Mon. – Frid. 9am – 1pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024:

Applications for Sacramental Programmes are now online on the Parish Website. The deadline for submission of application forms along with copies of requested Sacramental certificates is on Sunday 17th September 2023.

First Holy Communion

<https://forms.office.com/e/7BXbAB7Pj9>

Confirmation:

<https://forms.office.com/r/0BVbvZiWYc>

The website address for the Parish

is: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tottenham/>

QR CODES:



THERE IS A LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR ALL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES. SO, PLEASE COMPLETE & SUBMIT THE FORMS AS SOON AS YOU CAN. ONCE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER IS REACHED, THE ENROLEMNT WILL CLOSE.

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 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

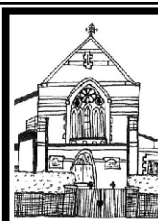
Confessions
Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am
Saturday 6pm to 6.45pm

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

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, Dorothy Williams, Lodovina Pereira, Margaret Carr, Mary Derham, Juliana Asare, Anne Williams, 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 Petrousse, Bernard (Bernie) Meaney, Ernest William, Melford Weekes, Gabrielle Doocey, Gadge Sabine Ouan, Marjorine Nunoo 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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Parish Administrator: Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska.

Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide

Safeguarding Officer: Vicky Gowdie



Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13b-14;
Romans 8:9,11-13; Matthew: 11:25-30 PB: page 99

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 09/07/2023

The yoke that Jesus offers us

The yoke is a farming instrument, which is placed on the neck of the oxen so that they can carry out the task of tilling the land. The yoke is an instrument to be used by two animals of the same species, since each one depends on the other to be united by this instrument. The yoke was a long piece of wood with two bows that fit the neck of one or two animals; such as the ox and the mule. Two animals with the yoke on the neck form a team. The yoke has a lot of symbolism, and in literature it is used to deal with issues of oppression, slavery, domination, burden, bondage, commitments and obligations. The forms of a despotic submission in various cases of human society have much to do with the issue of yokes.

There are several types of yoke in the Bible: that of oppression and slavery (Leviticus 26:13; 1 Timothy 6:1), the yoke of unbelieving (2 Corinthians 6:14), that of sin (lamentations 1:14), legalism (Acts 15:10) and finally the yoke of Jesus (Matthew 11:29).

The yoke that Jesus Christ offers us to take is the yoke of his relationship with God the Father. He is yoked to the will of God and he is the one who knows the Father as the Father knows the Son. This has been revealed to us all who are like infants or as the Gospel says, mere children, that is, those who are humble. Jesus is the one who is meek and humble of heart, who pulls and works with the Father working for the salvation of his children here on earth and the whole creation.

The Lord invites you and I, to leave the yokes that oppresses us and enslaves us and drag us down to self-destruction, frustration, confusion, sadness, loneliness, depression, self-sufficiency and to take upon us the yoke which Jesus Christ offers us. This yoke will join us to the divine life of God himself. It promises to lighten our burdens in life and gives rest in the Lord. In other words, Jesus comes to offer us rest for our souls in heaven, with the Lord. If we make this choice to work with the Lord, we can do so much more for the salvation of our lives and the lives of so many people who need to receive life from the Lord through our lives.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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 **Elisabete & Tomas Veselovsky**.

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 People of the Parish **11am** Joseph Murphy ANNIV, Afrifa Kwame, Kensia, Maame & Afia Abrafi, (Livestreamed) **2pm** Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass **Monday 10am** Stefan Flak RIP, Kenneth Marie RIP **Tuesday 10am** Bernie Meaney RIP, Mary & John Murray INT **Wednesday 10am** Cynthia Davis Thanksgiving, Alex Dawson ANNIV **Thursday 10am** Joseph Murphy ANNIV, Patricia Constatine Thanksgiving **11.30am** Agnes Gabrielle Doocey Funeral Mass **Friday 7pm** Joan Fitzgerald ANNIV, Jesus on the Mount Olive Thanksgiving **Saturday 10am** Kenneth Marie RIP, Agnes Chinyere Amaefuele RIP **7pm** The Deceased Grealish Family Members RIP, William Flaherty INT

PARISH NEWS

ST FRANCIS DE SALES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER CARNIVAL 2023

We would like to invite everyone to support our school Summer Carnival to take place on Friday July 14th 2023, starting at 3.30 – 5.30pm. There will be Raffle, Tombola, games, Stalls, Crafts, Music, Food and Drink and much more!

Children under 12: free; Children over 12: 50p; Adults £1.

Come and enjoy a fun and a wonderful afternoon with your family and friends.

Church Road, Tottenham, N17 8AZ.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS ENROLMENTS 2023-2024

The enrolment of children and young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2023-2024 is open now until Sunday 17th September 2023. To enrol your child, please visit our parish website tottenham@rcdow.org.uk and click on the corresponding forms link.

For further information, please contact the Parish Catechetical Coordinator Marcelle Jemide at tottenhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk or contact the parish office.

The requirements are that the candidates are Catholic Baptised. The children and families are parishioners of St Francis de Sales who regularly attend Mass on Sundays or Vigil Mass on Saturdays at our church. If families are attending other catholic churches near home, it is recommended to prepare them for their First Holy Communion in their local parishes.

SUMMER WEDNESDAY 10AM MASS SUSPENDED IN AUGUST 2023

As we started the summer season when a number of people go on holidays, we will suspend Masses on Wednesdays in the month of August 2023. All Mass intentions for Wednesdays of August will be transferred to the nearest date. Thanks.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER CLOSURE: The Parish office will close from 25th July to 8th August due to the World Youth Day in Lisbon and summer holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SPURS STADIUM JULY 2023

Red Hot Chili Peppers, Friday 21 July 2023 and Wizkid, Saturday 29th July 2023.

Local road closures will be in operation from 4.30pm until approximately 11.30pm.

THE 128TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE AND OUR CATHOLIC HISTORY IN TOTTENHAM

Recently we have celebrated our 128th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of our church of St Francis de Sales. Bishop John Sherrington has honoured us with his presence by presiding the thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 18th June 2023. We are delighted to know that there is an article in our Diocesan website where you can read his homily on the occasion of our anniversary. We are preparing and looking forward to celebrating our 130th anniversary with a new parish hall and redecorated church by 2025.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/news/catholic-history-of-tottenham-parish/>

BINGO AND RAFFLE AFTERNOON TEA AND BISCUITS ON FRIDAYS

We gather in the parish hall on Brereton Road at 2pm. Just bring your bingo marker. Our next gathering and game is on Friday 13th July at 2pm. All are welcome!

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 £655.84 Envelopes £389.20 Standing Orders (May) £5,185.50.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £31,673.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.