

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 12noon.

### CONFIRMATION, RCIA & RCIC

**CERTIFICATES:** Please collect your certificate from the Parish Office Mon. – Fri. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR ALL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES. SO PLEASE COMPLETE & SUBMIT THE FORMS AS SOON AS YOU CAN. ONCE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER IS REACHED, THE ENROLMENT WILL BE CLOSED.

#### 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 are 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 Suspended**  
**Saturday 10am**  
**Saturday (Vigil) 7pm**  
**Sunday 9am and 11am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am**

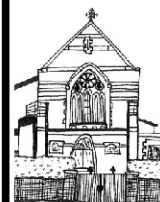
**Confessions**  
**Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am**  
**Saturday 6pm to 6.45pm**

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

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 Petrouse, Bernard (Bernie) Meaney, Ernest William, Melford Weekes, Gabrielle Doocey, Gadge Sabine Ouan, Marjorine Nunoo, Benedict D'Silva 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 Priest: Fr David Lucuy Claros **In Residence** Fr Juan Sola Garcia

Parish Administrator: Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska.

Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide

Safeguarding Officer: Vicky Gowdie



**Readings:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalms 64(65):10-14; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 PB: page 102

15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR A- 16/07/2023

### Pope Francis on the Parable of the Sower

The sower is Jesus. With this image, we can see that he presents himself as one who does not impose himself, but rather offers himself. He does not attract us by conquering us, but by donating himself: he casts seeds. With patience and generosity, he spreads his Word, which is not a cage or a trap, but a seed which can bear fruit. And how can it bear fruit? If we welcome it. Therefore, the parable concerns us especially. In fact, it speaks more of the soil than of the sower. Jesus carries out, so to speak, a “spiritual X-ray” of our heart, which is the soil on which the seed of the Word falls. Our heart, like the soil, may be good and then the Word bears fruit — and a great deal — but it can also be hard and impermeable. This happens when we hear the Word but it bounces off of us, just as on a street: it does not enter.

Between the good soil and the street; the asphalt — if we throw a seed on the “*sanpietrini*” (cobblestones), nothing grows — there are however, two intermediate types of soil which, in different amounts, we can have within us. The first, Jesus says, is *rocky*. Let us try to imagine it: rocky ground is a terrain that “does not have much soil” (cf. Mt 13:5), so the seed sprouts but is unable to put down deep roots. This is how the superficial heart is: it welcomes the Lord, wants to pray, love and bear witness, but does not persevere; it becomes tired and never “takes off”. It is a heart without depth, where the rocks of laziness prevail over the good soil, where love is fickle and fleeting. But whoever welcomes the Lord only when they want to does not bear fruit. Then, there is the last ground, the *thorny* one, filled with briars which choke the good plants. What do these thorns represent? “The cares of the world and the delight in riches” (v. 22), as Jesus says explicitly. The thorns are the vices which come to blows with God, which choke his presence: above all these are the idols of worldly wealth, living avidly, for oneself, for possessions and for power. If we cultivate these thorns, we choke God’s growth within us. Each of us can recognize his or her big or small thorns, the vices that inhabit the heart, those more or less deeply rooted briars that God does not like and that prevent us from having a clean heart. It is necessary to tear them out, otherwise the Word cannot bear fruit, the seed will not grow.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus invites us today to look inside ourselves: to give thanks for our good soil and to tend the soil that is not yet good. Let us ask ourselves if our heart is open to welcome the seed of the Word of God with faith. Let us ask ourselves if our rocks of laziness are still numerous and large; let us identify our thorns of vice and call them by name. Let us find the courage to *reclaim the soil*, to effect a nice conversion of our heart, bringing to the Lord in Confession and in prayer our rocks and our thorns. In doing this, Jesus, the Good Sower will be glad to carry out an additional task: purify our hearts by removing the rocks and the thorns which choke his Word. (Pope Francis Angelus July 16, 2017) © Copyright – Libreria Editrice Vaticana

## 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 **Hannah Shine**.

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** Nana Brempong ANNIV **11am** Rosemond Gungadeen RIP, Rosy Anthony RIP (Livestreamed) **Monday 10am** St Padre Pio Thanksgiving, Frederick Lefoon **Tuesday 10am** Carmel Fitzgerald INT, Mofe Jemide Thanksgiving **Wednesday 10am** Jean Bevan RIP **Thursday 10am** Lucy Toussaint RIP; Yvonne Sarah RIP **Saturday 10am** Ann Killeen ANNIV, Joan Marie ANNIV **7pm** Anne Gallagher RIP, Bridie Conneely ANNIV, Circle of Prayer Members Thanksgiving

### PARISH NEWS

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. To enrol your child, please visit our parish website [tottenham@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 and are living within the parish boundaries. If families are attending other catholic churches near home, it is recommended to prepare them for their First Holy Communion in their local parishes.

#### RCIA and RCIC CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

If you know anybody who is seeking to become a Catholic or someone who is baptised Catholic but not Confirmed, you can invite them to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) group or if you have children who are not studying at a Catholic School but would like them to do their First Holy Communion or if the children are above 8 years old and have not been baptised, they can join our RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) group.

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#### WEDNESDAY 10AM MASS WILL BE SUSPENDED IN THE MONTH OF 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 25<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023, due to the World Youth Day in Lisbon and summer holidays.

**MASS ON FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY IS SUSPENDED DUE TO THE CONCERT AT THE SPURS STADIUM.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SPURS STADIUM JULY 2023

Red Hot Chili Peppers, Friday 21 July 2023 and Wizkid, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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

### THE 128<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE AND OUR CATHOLIC HISTORY IN TOTTENHAM

Recently we have celebrated our 128<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 130<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> July. 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](mailto: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 £607.01 Envelopes £494 Standing Orders (May) £5,185.50.

#### ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £31,788.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.