

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. – 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 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 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 Administrator: Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska.

Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide

Safeguarding Officer: Vicky Gowdie



Readings: Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43 PB: page 102

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 23/07/2023

The wheat, the darnel and God's patience

This Sunday's parable of the wheat and the darnel gives us an opportunity to reflect on who we are and on God's immense patience and recognise his right judgement. The two types of plants, the darnel and the wheat, as Jesus says, represents humankind and the types of people who are in the world. The properties of the darnel and the wheat are utterly opposite to each other. Darnel is a particularly troublesome kind of weed which resembles wheat. It is 'a species of rygrass, *Lolium temulentum*, often found in wheat fields and often host to a fungus intoxicating to humans and animals'. When darnel is ground into flour, baked in bread and consumed while hot, the eater may experience symptoms similar to drunkenness, including trembling, followed by inability to walk and hindered speech. Instead, wheat is a life-giving produce that provides nutrition and has healing properties. During most of our human history it has been commonly used for bread, and it has long been called "the staff of life." It can be easily understood why the landowner instructs the labourers to remove the weed only at harvest-time, for to pull it out beforehand would probably uproot the wheat and thus destroy the crop. All this has implications for the lesson of the parable. As Jesus explains, God (the landowner) is the only judge who will make the judgement at the end of time (the harvest), as he will judge people by their fruits. If the word of God planted in our hearts has produced the life-giving fruits like, forgiveness, patience, generosity, love, then we will be recognised as God's children, but if we have been like darnel, producing poisonous and bitter fruits like resentment, hatred, unforgiveness, pride, selfishness, unbelief, then God will not recognise us as his children. God patiently waits for our conversion towards him. He is always looking after his creation and our time in the world is a time of God's patience. He is helping us to produce the life-giving fruits from the seed he has sown into our hearts at our baptism.

Let us ask the Lord to help us with the grace of the Holy Spirit to become like 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 repose soul of **Theresa Alexander**.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Ruth Constantine Thanksgiving, Catia Barros & Denise Bruzaca Thanksgiving
11am Jocelyn Orquinaza RIP (Livestreamed) **Monday 10am** Wilmot Ribeiro RIP, Vivian Chinyere Amaefule ANNIV **Tuesday 10am** James & Philippe Coeur De Lion RIP, Helena Thanksgiving **Wednesday 10am** Peter Fernandes ANNIV, Albert Ojinnaka ANNIV **Thursday 10am** David, Margaret, Lena McDonagh RIP, St Francis De Sales Thanksgiving **Friday 7pm** Thomas Maughan RIP, Jiliette & Irene Boyaca INT **Saturday 10am** Mabel Asafu Adjayi RIP, Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving **7pm** James O'Leary ANNIV, Chris & Maureen Anyadi 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 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 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 25th July to 8th August 2023, due to the World Youth Day in Lisbon and summer holidays.

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 28th July. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SPURS STADIUM JULY 2023

Wizkid, Saturday 29th July 2023.

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

LOTTERY FOR WIZKID COMMUNITY TICKETS CONCERT SATURDAY 29 JULY 2023

There is a possibility to get some community tickets for this Concert. Please fill the forms available at the back of the church and drop it to the parish office, hand it to Fr David or Kate Worley at the back of the church. **Before you fill the form, please be aware that:**

1. There should be only one application per family and if there are multiple applications they will not be put in the draw.
2. These tickets are for local residents only and cannot be resold or distributed elsewhere. If anyone does not follow the rules the Parish would not get any community tickets for future events.
3. Each group must include an adult. Please do not ask for tickets for unaccompanied children, they will not be admitted to the stadium and the ticket would be wasted.
4. The Parish will contact you from Friday 28th July, if you have won a ticket and collect it on Saturday between 6pm and 6.30pm.

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 £303.73 Envelopes £187.50 Standing Orders (June) £4,221.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £32,423.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.