

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 No Mass
Thursday 10am
Friday Suspended
Saturday 10am
Saturday (Vigil) 7pm
Sunday 9am and 11am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am

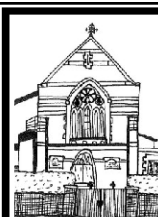
Confessions
Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am
Saturday 6pm to 6.45pm

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 De Silva, Timothy O'Connor 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: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12, Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 30/07/2023

‘Ask what you would like me to give you’

This is the question the Lord has asked young king Solomon at the start of his reign after his father David joined his ancestors. What would you ask the Lord if he appeared to you in your dreams and asked you the same question. What would your answer be?

Many young people in our current pop culture might ask for fame, popularity, success in business and many other superfluous gifts. Some who are struggling at this trying time of financial crisis might ask for financial security, employment or just make ends meet. Some who are longing for relationships might ask for a partner, a wife, a husband and children, others might ask for certain bad habits to go away or to be free from certain habitual sins and become better persons.

The young king Solomon did not ask for riches and fame or long life but ‘a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil’ to be able to govern God’s people. In short, Solomon asked the right thing to be able to serve God and his people with discerning judgement. He considers himself a servant of God as his father David was. What we can see in Solomon’s request is a heart that wishes to serve and his concern for the people of God and this pleases God. When we ask the Lord for what we need, this petition reveals in a way, what we have in our hearts, it reveals what is important for us in life.

A good example of a foolish choice is portrayed in the Greek myth of King Midas, who asks Dionysus, “god of wine” that everything he touches should turn to gold. Then he returns to his palace and is initially delighted with his gift. But he soon realises the foolishness of his choice when even the food he wants to eat turns to gold. The consequence of his foolish decision led him to become isolated from his beloved ones and destroyed his life. So, he gave up all his wealth and family to live with Dionysus.

Let us be wise and ask God to help us to make the right choices in our prayer which, will reveal what is important for our lives and asked him to help us to have discernment to make the right choices for the good of our neighbours and ours.

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 **James 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 Philomena Cummins INT, John & Breege Cummins INT, Phylis Baynes INT
11am People of the Parish, Dr Gabriel & Ebony Maria Thanksgiving **Monday 10am** Rose Slattery ANNIV, Mary Hanks RIP **Tuesday 10am** Marcelle Jemide Thanksgiving, Joan Hall Thanksgiving **Wednesday 10am NO MASS Thursday 10am** Ify Eze & Family Thanksgiving **11:30am** Benedict D' Silva Funeral Mass **Friday 7pm** Godson Anyadi Thanksgiving, Departed Friends RIP **Saturday 10am** Sister Shaun Smith ANNIV, Jane Smith ANNIV **7pm** Raymond Morgan RIP, Bridie Collins RIP

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

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 4th August. 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 crisis. 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 £1,255.86 Envelopes £403.85 Standing Orders (May) £5,185.50.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £31,799.08. Thank you very much for your generosity.