

## 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 NO MASS**  
**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:

Selina Fernandes, 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, Gadje Sabine Ouan, Marjorine Nunoo, Benedict D'Silva, Timothy O'Connor, Anne Elizabeth Beguin (*nee* Corrigan) 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

	<p><b>ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH</b> <b>729 HIGH ROAD, TOTTENHAM N17 8AG</b> <b>TELEPHONE: 020 8808 3554</b> <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:tottenham@rcdow.org.uk">tottenham@rcdow.org.uk</a></b> <b>Website: <a href="https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tottenham/">https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tottenham/</a></b></p> <p><b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr David Lucuy Claros <b>Parish Administrator:</b> Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska. <b>Catechetical Coordinator:</b> Mrs Marcelle Jemide <b>Safeguarding Officer:</b> Vicky Gowdie</p>	
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**Readings:** Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8; Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28 PB: page 117

20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR A- 20/08/2023

This Sunday's Gospel passage begins by indicating the district to which Jesus was going: Tyre and Sidon, to the north-west of Galilee, a pagan land. And it was here that he met a Canaanite woman who spoke to him, asking him to heal her daughter who was possessed by a demon (cf. Mt 15:22).

In her supplication we can already discern the beginning of a journey of faith, which in her conversation with the divine Teacher grows and becomes stronger.

The woman was not afraid to cry to Jesus "Have mercy on me", an expression that recurs in the Psalms (cf. 50:1), she calls him "Lord" and "Son of David" (cf. Mt 15:22), thus showing a firm hope of being heard. What was the Lord's attitude to this cry of anguish from a pagan woman?

Jesus' silence may seem disconcerting, to the point that it prompted the disciples to intervene, but it was not a question of insensitivity to this woman's sorrow. St Augustine rightly commented: "Christ showed himself indifferent to her, not in order to refuse her his mercy but rather to inflame her desire for it" (*Sermo 77, 1: PL 38, 483*).

The apparent aloofness of Jesus who said: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24), did not discourage the Canaanite woman who persisted: "Lord, help me" (v. 25). And she did not even desist when she received an answer that would seem to have extinguished any hope: "it is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs" (v. 26). She had no wish to take anything from anyone; in her simplicity and humility a little was enough for her, crumbs sufficed, no more than a look, a kind word from the Son of God. And Jesus was struck with admiration for an answer of such great faith and said to her: "Be it done for you as you desire" (v. 28).

Dear friends, we too are called to grow in faith, to open ourselves in order to welcome God's gift freely, to have trust and also to cry to Jesus "give us faith, help us to find the way!". This is the way that Jesus made his disciples take, as well as the Canaanite woman and men and women of every epoch and nation and each one of us.

Faith opens us to knowing and welcoming the real identity of Jesus, his newness and oneness, his word, as a source of life, in order to live a personal relationship with him. Knowledge of the faith grows, it grows with the desire to find the way and in the end it is a gift of God who does not reveal himself to us as an abstract thing without a face or a name, because faith responds to a Person who wants to enter into a relationship of deep love with us and to involve our whole life.

For this reason our heart must undergo the experience of conversion every day, every day it must see us changing from people withdrawn into themselves to people who are open to God's action, spiritual people (cf. 1 Cor 2:13-14), who let themselves be called into question by the Lord's word and open their life to his Love.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us therefore nourish our faith every day with deep attention to the word of God, with the celebration of the Sacraments, with personal prayer as a "cry" to him, and with charity to our neighbour. (*Pope Benedict XVI Angelus Sunday, 14 August 2011*)

## 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 special intentions of **Elinor, George and Alex Bysouth**.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** People of the Parish **11am** Theresa Sango ANNIV **Monday 10am** Sarah Leitao Thanksgiving **Tuesday 10am** Anne Gallagher RIP, Kim Cummins RIP **Wednesday No Mass** **Thursday 10am** Boniface O'Kenema RIP, Vivian Flanagan Thanksgiving **Friday 11am** Anne Elizabeth Beguin RIP Funeral Mass **7pm** Eileen Radayall RIP **Saturday 10am** Christopher Ajayi RIP **7pm** Phero Vu Van Manh RIP, Phero Vu Cong Toan RIP, Maureen Ward Thanksgiving

### PARISH NEWS

#### RCIA & 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](mailto:tottenhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) or contact the parish office.

#### MARYS MEALS APPEAL 2023

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

\*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.

#### LINK FOR SPURS COMMUNITY TICKETS LOTTERY AND INFORMATION

Our Lottery for Wizkid tickets was extremely popular and over-subscribed. The families who went to the Concert had a lovely evening and we have thanked Spurs on their behalf. Parishioners are asking for tickets for the next event, but we do not know whether we will have tickets for other events. There are many community groups and organisations also asking for tickets.

Spurs regularly offer residents who are signed up to their local alert system a ballot for two tickets for non-football events. Additionally, the alert will keep you up to date on stadium events and road closures which help plan Mass attendance avoiding road closures. Sign up using the link below and complete and submit the form below, although there are thousands in the ballots we know parishioners had tickets for events including Lady Gaga and Beyonce. <https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/the-stadium/local/>

#### 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 25<sup>th</sup> August. All are welcome!

#### PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP 2023

We would like to invite you to be part of the new Prayer Workshop initiated by the Capuchin Priest, Fr. Ignacio Larranaga. We have run this Prayer Workshop for the last two years. Learn to establish an intimate relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ through Bible readings, Doctrinal messages and the practice of 15 Methods of Prayer during a period of 15 weeks with only 2 hour weekly meetings. The Workshops will start on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11am in the Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to enrol for this workshop at [tottenham@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tottenham@rcdow.org.uk)

#### SCHEDULED MATCHES AT THE STADIUM FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> TOT –SHU at 15:00. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> TOT-LIV at 17:30. Road restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link <https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/the-stadium/local/>

#### 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](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 £452.38 Envelopes £279.80 Standing Orders (July) £3,997.22 Contactless (July) £62.

#### ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £32,523.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.