

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 30th September at 12noon in the Parish Hall.

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 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:

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, Benedict D'Silva, Timothy O'Connor, Anne Elizabeth Beguin (*nee* Corrigan), Pauline Ilogebe Udenze, Mercedes Torres Arroyo 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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Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide

Safeguarding Officer: Vicky Gowdie



Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27 PB: page 122

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 03/09/2023

Modelling our lives with the new mind as Christians

In today's second reading St Paul exhorts to the Christian community in Rome, '*Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind.*' What is the worldly mind and the new mind which St Paul is speaking about? Many of the newly converted Christians carried a baggage of the roman hedonistic mentality of the pursuit of short-term pleasure at any cost and the avoidance of suffering and pain in any possible way. In Rome there were several schools of philosophy which preached such way of life such as, the Epicureans who believe that pleasure was the only real good and pain the only evil. The Stoics held that whatever suffering we endure in life is part of that illusion. Like the Stoics and the Platonists, the Gnostics held that the world of the body is fundamentally meaningless. They went further, and declared that it is, in fact, evil. For Gnostics, bodily pleasures such as sex were fundamentally evil and should be renounced – but if you couldn't manage that, at the very least you should avoid marriage and children. Adultery and abortion were preferable, the former since at least it avoided the pretence of sanctity, and the latter because it spared fresh souls from being trapped in the prison of the flesh. These are some of the philosophical schools the early Christians had to contend with which many Christians left behind. Just to have an example of what St Paul is referring about here read Rom 1:24-31. In our current western culture, the best way to describe this mindless pursuit of pleasure is known as addiction which, ends only in selfish and self-destructive behaviour. In our current western culture, suffering is an intrinsic evil which, it has to be cast out and, it is unacceptable. The central existential claim that Christianity makes is that suffering, while intrinsically an evil thing, can be turned into spiritual good. This why we carry the cross of Christ as our standard of the sign of God's love for us, since Jesus Christ took our flesh and gave his life for us on the cross, to save us from the evil of death and any kind of suffering.

The Lord through his word proclaimed in the Church, exhorts us to model our lives in the new mind of Christ as his disciples, taking upon ourselves the cross and join in his redemptive work of salvation. Our call is to do the will of God by thinking and acting like Jesus, that is, to be another Christ on earth.

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 special intentions of **Joe Obinze**.

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the intentions of **Maria del Carmen Pinilla**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Joana Vicente & Rita Alburghetty RIP, Chris & Berenice White
Thanksgiving **11am** Ullisan Jemide Thanksgiving, John Julien Thanksgiving **2pm** Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass **Monday 10am** Bridget & John O'Reilly RIP, Edison Victor ANNIV
Tuesday 10am Bridget & John O'Reilly RIP, John Carney ANNIV **Wednesday 10am** Nicole Nyazika Thanksgiving, In Thanksgiving to God & Mother Maria **Thursday 10am** Rosalina Coutinho ANNIV, In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes **Friday 7pm** Celina Fernandes ANNIV, Virginia Fernandes ANNIV **Saturday 10am** Caroline Koch & Ewelina Koper Thanksgiving, Dorothy DeSouza INT **7pm** David Anthony McAuliffe ANNIV, Jerry Conneely ANNIV

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS ENROLMENTS 2023-2024

The enrolment of children and young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2023-2024 will close on 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.

MARYS MEALS APPEAL 2023

With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals foreign currency please have another a good look in the cupboard you never open, under the bed etc. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they have spare foreign coins/notes as well? We know that over the years foreign coins and notes end up in all sorts of odd places so please hunt high and low; remember we'll also gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore.

Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. We feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

WEDNESDAY 10AM MASS WILL RESUME TEMPORARILY FROM SEPTEMBER UNTIL NEW NOTICE IN OCTOBER 2023

BINGO AND RAFFLE AFTERNOON TEA AND BISCUITS ON FRIDAYS

We gather in the parish hall on Brereton Road at 2pm every Friday. Just bring your bingo marker. 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 23rd September at 11am in the Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to enrol for this workshop at tottenham@rcdow.org.uk

SCHEDULED MATCHES AT THE STADIUM FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday 16th TOT –SHU at 15:00. Saturday 30th 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 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 £468.64 Envelopes £345.50 Standing Orders (July) £3,997.22 Contactless (July) £62.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £32,561.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.