

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 today 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: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 PB: page 128

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 17/09/2023

To be forgiven, you must forgive

On this Sunday's readings we continue reflecting on the theme of forgiveness. Last Sunday was about the fraternal correction and forgiveness within the community. This Sunday is focus on the personal level of forgiveness of an offence. Peter asks Jesus, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. This means to forgive always, there is no limit of times to forgive. This forgiveness reflects the forgiveness of God who in his mercy "forgive us our trespasses" always, as we pray in the Lord's prayer. The parable of the unforgiving servant reflects that reality of God's great patience and forgiveness. God (the king) cancels the astronomical debt of the servant, which could be around 164.000 days wages, (like a billion sterling pounds) a debt the servant could never repay it! However, the merciless response of the servant who did not forgive his fellow's small debt, the equivalent to 100 days wages, shows that he has not learnt the lesson of patience, mercy and forgiveness he has received from the king (God). This is a lesson for us. God has forgiven us so much, so that we can forgive our offenders. We have received the forgiveness from Jesus Christ crucified on the cross. Remember his words on the cross, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they do' (Lk 23:34). Forgiveness is a grace which the Lord has given us in his Son, Jesus. It would be foolish to try to achieve forgiveness with our own human strength as an act of will power. Forgiveness is one of the most difficult things to give and receive.

In our prayer, let us ask the Lord to show us who we are and with humility recognise our frailty, our ingratitude, our selfishness, in other words, our sinfulness and ask the Lord for forgiveness and we will experience that our debt, our huge debt, is remitted by the grace of Jesus Christ sacrificed on the cross.

Have you got anyone in your debt? Pray, meditate, ask the Lord to help you to go and ask for forgiveness before it's too late.

Have you got any resentment in your heart? Do not let this ruin an embittered your life, go and be reconciled with that person and show the same mercy that the Father has shown us.

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 **Melanie Henao**.

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 Mrs Aluwalia RIP, Daniel Obinji INT **11am** Simone & Clency Rose Thanksgiving, Bruce Nyazika Thanksgiving **Monday 10am** Rose Ann Ramsey RIP, Liam Speiran RIP **Tuesday 10am** Brandan Scullion RIP, Shirley Buckland Thanksgiving **Wednesday 10am** Anne David RIP, David Paul RIP **Thursday 10am** Carmel Fitzgerald INT, Catherine Everett RIP **Friday 7pm** Anne Gallagher RIP **Saturday 10am** Prayer for the Care of God's Creation, Baptist, Cissy, Berna, Aggie & Maria Fernandes RIP **7pm** Kevin O'Connor INT

PARISH NEWS

RCIA & RCIC CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS 2023

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.

NEW ACCESS PERMITS TO STREETS NEAR CHURCH DURING EVENT DAY ROAD CLOSURES

We are distributing **new passes** which are valid for road access during all events for 2023/24 season.

Please, request and collect your access pass from the Parish Office during the week Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm or via email at tottenham@rcdow.org.uk or call 02088083554.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP 2023

Today we will welcome our guests from the Prayer & Life Workshop to promote the upcoming Prayer Workshop 2023. 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 Workshop 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

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL – COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS

Next weekend 23-24 September, we will welcome Sr. Asmeret A. who will make an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionary Sisters who are doing a charitable work, education and social work, especially in Africa, Latin America and Middle East. Please, support the work of our Missionary Sisters.

BINGO AND RAFFLE AFTERNOON TEA AND BISCUITS ON FRIDAYS We gather in the parish hall on Brereton Road every Friday at 2pm. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY 10AM MASS IS ON TEMPORARILY IN SEPTEMBER UNTIL NEW NOTICE IN OCTOBER 2023

MARYS MEALS APPEAL 2023

Thank you all for your generous donations for Mary's Meals last weekend and those who have had brought n your envelopes with foreign currency.

Mary's Meals currently feeds over 2.4 million children one good meal every school day and we want to reach many more. Please bring in your envelopes next Sunday 24th September and you'll be helping Mary's Meals reach the next hungry child. Thank you.

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

SCHOOL GOVERNORS AND DIRECTORS' RECRUITMENT- WESTMINSTER

Our Schools need more Catholic Governors and Directors. Can you help?

Please contact governors@rcdow.org or check out some of our vacancies at - Interested in working in our Schools- Diocese of Westminster Education Service (rcdow.org.uk)

For more information, please scan the QR code on the poster displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

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 £472.86 Envelopes £253.60 Standing Orders (July) £3,997.22 Contactless (July) £62 Mary's Meals £526.40.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £31,906.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.