

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

2022-2023 CONFIRMATION, RCIA & RCIC CERTIFICATES: Please collect your certificate from the Parish Office Mon. – Fri. 9am – 1pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024:

Thank you to all those who have completed the online application forms to join our 2023-2024 Sacramental programmes. Please note that the application is now CLOSED.

All applicants will receive an email from the Catechetical Coordinator this week regarding start dates and programme details.

The Sacramental Programmes will begin on:

Confirmation - Monday 2nd October 2023 at 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall;

First Holy Communion – Tuesday 3rd October at 6pm in the Parish Hall;

RCIC – Sunday 8th October 2023 upstairs in the Parish Hall;

RCIA - Friday 6th October with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

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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Safeguarding Officer: Vicky Gowdie



Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Ps. 145:2-3,8-9,17-1;8 Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Matthew 20:1-16a PB: page 131

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 24/09/2023

God's generosity and mercy

The gospel parable about the owner of the vineyard and the workers is a beautiful reflection of God's justice and generosity which is unlike ours as the prophet Jeremiah voices God's words, 'my thoughts are not thoughts, my ways are not your ways'.

Our sense of justice is often reflected in the attitude of the workers who started the day job early in the morning who were paid the agreed talent and at the end of a long day of work under the sun and top of it they were paid last! They complaint that the last ones who have done only an hour work received the same payment and first than them. It sees unfair but this is not the way the owner of the vineyard thinks and works. He is generous and does whatever he wants with his money! So is God who rewards us all with the same gift of eternal life. Pope Benedict XVI's opening speech on the day of his election as Pope on 19 April 2005, 'After the Great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard.

I am comforted by the fact that the Lord knows how to work and act even with insufficient instruments. And above all, I entrust myself to your prayers.

With the joy of the risen Lord and confidence in his constant help, we will go forward. The Lord will help us and Mary his most holy mother will be alongside us.'

Pope Benedict XVI was called in his old age to serve the Lord and the Church as Pope, however, his reward in heaven is not different than the person who has just converted and believed in the Lord at his/her last moment of conversion on this earth. The Lord's is so generous to all of us who can fully understand and know God with our human mind? As St Paul writes to the Romans (11:33) 'Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!' At times we may be envious of other people are more successful and have less problems and have abundance of money and gifts, in spite that they do not have faith in Jesus and do not work as much as one does. Thanks be to God, the judgment of God is what comforts us because, since we will not be judge by our merits and how long we have worked in the vineyard of the Lord but rather the Lord will be judge of it, and gives us our reward, no matter at what point in our lives he has called us to work in his vineyard.

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 intentions of **Hannah 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 Mrs Aluwalia RIP **11am** Arlene Montero Thanksgiving, Nathan Hughes INT
Monday 10am Mary Doyle INT, Patrick Walsh INT **Tuesday 10am** Edwin Okosisi RIP,
Odenze Okosisi RIP **Wednesday 10am** Angie Akwems RIP, Michael Ezerioha RIP **Thursday**
10am Thomas Maughan RIP, Jackson Joseph Special INT **Friday 7pm** Prayer for the
Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael **Saturday 10am** Baptist, Cissy, Berna, Aggie & Maria
Fernandes RIP, Celina Purwin RIP **7pm** Pauline Udenze RIP, Norbert Nwajiaku RIP

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.

For 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

We invite you to join the Prayer and Life Workshop which takes place on Saturdays starting at 11am until 1pm at our Parish Hall on the Brereton Road. Come and 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. Please contact the Parish Office to enrol for this workshop at tottenham@rcdow.org.uk or just turn up whenever you can.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL – COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS

This weekend we welcome Sr. Asmeret A. who is making 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 WILL BE SUSPENDED IN OCTOBER UNTIL NEW NOTICE.

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.

NFL GAMES AT SPURS OCTOBER 2023- ROAD CLOSURES

NFL American Football returns to the stadium on 8th and 15th October. Road closures operate from 8.30 am until approximately 6pm on both days. Parking restrictions on local streets will be in force from 12 noon. If driving to church you will need an access pass, allow longer travel time to use vehicle check points as shown on the pass and local parking is subject to availability and at your own risk. You may prefer the 7pm Saturday Vigil Mass or walking to Sunday Masses.

SCHEDULED MATCHES AT THE STADIUM FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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 received the previous week in Loose £570.20 Envelopes £322.20 Standing Orders (August) £4,855 Contactless (August) £65 Mary's Meals £526.40.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £31,946.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.