

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 28th October at 12noon in the church.

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**.

The Sacramental Programmes begin this week:

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

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

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

RCIC – Sunday 22nd October 2023 upstairs in the Parish Hall;

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:

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 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: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Ps. 24(25): 4-9 Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 01/10/2023

The Anawim

Anawim (pronounced ann-a-weem) is a Hebrew word from the Old Testament which describes the “poor ones” who remained faithful to God in times of difficulty. These humble people became known as the anawim or the “faithful remnant.”

St John Paul II, teaches that the anawim, "the poor and lowly ones" are not just the oppressed, the miserable, the persecuted for justice, but also those who, with fidelity to the moral teaching of the Covenant with God, are marginalized by those who prefer to use violence, riches and power. In this light one understands that the category of the "poor" is not just a social category but a spiritual choice. It is what the famous first Beatitude means: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5,3). The prophet Zephaniah spoke to the anawim as special persons: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of wrath of the Lord" (Zep 2,3).

These are the people whom Jesus in today's Gospels refers to as the poor ones, that is, 'the prostitutes and tax collectors' who have listened and converted from their evil ways to following Jesus, in contrast to the prideful and not listening attitude of 'the chief priests and elders of the people'.

The tax collectors and prostitutes are the people who have the attitude of the anawim, since they seek God in humility and convert to do God's will (the father in the parable) because they believed in the love of God (*hesed*) who forgives their sins and accepts them into his family.

Now the Church asks us: Do we have the spirit of the anawim or do we remain attached to our prideful attitude like the chief priests and elders?

This week, let us pray to Jesus and asked him to grant us the spirit of the anawim by praying and contemplating Jesus's humility and love for us, described in the Christian hymn of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11.

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 **Catalina Trafalgar**.

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 Margaret Ezerioha RIP, Alice Anaghara RIP **11am** Ify Eze & Family Thanksgiving, Elizabeth Simon RIP **Monday 10am** Sunday Okosisi RIP, Celestin Ajih RIP **Tuesday 10am** Ambrose Ebogwe & Cyprian Ezerioha RIP, James Oguchi & Ben Imoh RIP **Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am** Jane Baidoo RIP, Tim Ezerioha RIP **Friday 7pm** Norbert Nwajiaku RIP, Arnold Adams RIP **Saturday 10am** The Pereira's Family, Dan Ezerioha RIP **7pm** Imelda Conway RIP, Joe Maduako RIP

PARISH NEWS

A WARM WELCOME TO EMMET O'LEARY TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

We are delighted to welcome Emmet O'Leary a seminarian from the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. He is in the first year of the discipleship stage at Allen Hall Seminary. Emmet will be doing his part-time pastoral placement on Sundays. Please welcome him and meet him after Mass and in the Parish Hall.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest Collection at Masses this week

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please, help and use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

THANKSGIVING FOR LISBON WYD DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

A big thank you to all parishioners who supported the parish youth who attended the WYD in Lisbon! This is an overdue thanksgiving to all parishioners for your generosity and support. We raised £3600.00! This allowed our young pilgrims to have an experience of this Youth Event of the Church that bears a lot of fruit of conversions and vocations to marriage and religious life. Fr Juan Sola and Marcelle Jemide accompanied the pilgrims who joined the youth from Fr Juan's home parish in Caravaca de la Cruz, Murcia. Our youth and Marcelle are going to share their experiences at Masses this weekend. Thank you to all for your generosity that has benefitted the young people alone as adults have paid their own expenditures.

WEDNESDAYS 10AM MASS IS SUSPENDED IN OCTOBER UNTIL NEW NOTICE.

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!

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.

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 8 October, 2.30pm KO: Buffalo Bills vs Jacksonville Jaguars. (NFL)

Sunday 15 October, 2:30pm KO: Tennessee Titans vs Baltimore Ravens (NFL).

Monday 23 October, 20.00: TOT VS FUL

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 £417.76 Envelopes £215.80 Standing Orders (August) £4,855 Contactless (August) £65 Comboni Sisters £395.10.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

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