

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Parents and children:** FHC Enrolment Mass will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

**FHC Parents meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in church.

**First Holy Communion Children's meeting –** GROUP 1: FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

GROUP 2: SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon to 1pm in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation -** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall.

**RCIA -** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

**RCIC –** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 upstairs in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road.

### 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

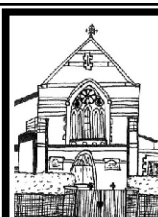
**Confessions**  
Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am  
Saturday 6pm to 6.45pm

### Please pray for those who has recently fallen asleep in peace with the Lord:

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, Marjorie Nunoo, Benedict D'Silva, Timothy O'Connor, Anne Elizabeth Beguin (*nee* Corrigan), Pauline Ilogebe Udenze, Mercedes Torres Arroyo, Fr Dominic McKenna, Helena Duckett, Lawrence Henry, Lucas D'Sivla 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 45:1,4-6; Psalm 95 (96) 1,3-5,7-10;

1Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21 PB: page 143

29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR A- 22/10/2023

### Whose image (icon) do you bear?

This Sunday's gospel portrays the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus with a simple question, is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? If Jesus said yes, he would have been accused of being a traitor for supporting the Roman occupation. If he said no, he would have been accused of sedition against the Roman power. Therefore, Jesus says "show me the denarius for the tax," he's referring to a particular kind of coin. The denarius was a small coin that would be stamped with the profile of the face of the Emperor. At the time of Jesus the Caesar, was named Tiberius, and he produced many of these coins that were stamped with his profile. On these coins was an inscription which read "Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus." Jesus takes the coin and he says, "well whose likeness and inscription is on this?" And they say "Caesars." And we know that's true, it would've had the inscription and the profile of Tiberius on the coin. And then he says to them "render therefore to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and to God the things that belong to God." Now most of us recognize here that Jesus is, in a very shrewd way is saying that the money can be paid lawfully to Caesar. And frequently people will use this as an example for teaching and enjoining Christians to be dutiful to the state. In other words, that they need to give the state what is due to the state, and that they should pay taxes and be contributing members of society. And that is a part of what Jesus is getting at, but that is not really the heart of what Jesus is getting at.

If you look at it, there's a double meaning here in Jesus's words, because when he says that the likeness is on the coin and the inscription, the Greek word there is *eikōn*. It means likeness, and we get the English word icon from this. Therefore, when he says there that the icon of Caesar means that the coin belongs to Caesar, he's allowing for the lawfulness of paying taxes to the Emperor. But, by taking this image, this language, of likeness, Jesus is also alluding to another occurrence of that word in the book of Genesis 1:26-27. God, when he makes man and woman, he says that he made man and woman in the "image and the likeness of God." The Greek translation of the Old Testament there is the same word, *eikōn*. Consequently, it says that man and woman were made in the *eikōn* of God. They are literally icons of the creator. They bear the image and the likeness of God. So there's a double meaning here. What Jesus is essentially saying to the Pharisees in response is, you can give your money to Caesar, but you need to give your life, yourself, to God. Therefore, you and I belong to our Lord and God! The whole world belongs to God. We are called to reflect the image of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ his Son and we together with him are to irradiate the beauty and love which is the very divine nature of our creator inscribed in us as sons and daughters of God.

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** Paul Shingle RIP, Sarah Webster Special INT **11am** Anne Gallagher RIP, Prayer for the Souls & Families **Monday 10am** Audrey Ryan RIP, Anne & Bernard Mongan RIP

**Tuesday 10am** Dolores Salami RIP, Joseph Odili Thanksgiving **Wednesday No Mass**

**Thursday 10am** Adelaide Owusu-Banahene ANNIV, Tommy Murphy & Tommy Ryan RIP

**Friday 7pm** Stefan Flak RIP & Deceased Family members, Andrej & Hanna Chmiel Thanksgiving **Saturday 10am** Adekunle Lawal Thanksgiving, Harjit & Geeta INT

**7pm** Thomas Maughan RIP, Joseph Rajanayam RIP

### PARISH NEWS

#### 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](mailto:tottenham@rcdow.org.uk) or just turn up whenever you can.

#### NURSERY & RECEPTION ADMISSION TO ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Application packs are now available for admission to our Reception and Nursery classes for September 2024.

**NURSERY:** For children born between 1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

**RECEPTION:** For children born between 1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM & ADMISSION POLICY AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM SCHOOL WEBSITE:** [www.sfds.haringey.sch.uk](http://www.sfds.haringey.sch.uk) OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT: [admin@sfdsharingey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sfdsharingey.sch.uk)

We will be offering tours around our Reception & Nursery. Please contact the school office on 020 8808 2923 to book a place on one of the following tour dates:

Friday 24 November at 09:15am

Friday 15 December at 09:15am

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WORKSHOP FOR ALL AT OUR CHURCH

We are again making Christmas decorations for Church from recycled materials. If you would like make a small one for home with your children drop into the Church Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12 noon. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**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!

### SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR OCTOBER 2023

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/>

### SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November TOT vs CHE at 8pm and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November TOT vs AVL at 2pm.

### 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 received the previous week in Loose £591.82 Envelopes £383.10 Standing Orders (September) £3,493 Contactless (September) £181 Comboni Sisters £415.10, CAFOD £107.00.

**GIFT AID DONORS:** Thank you for adding gift aid to your donations we have now made a claim on donations for 2022-23 and received a total of £10,356 at no extra cost to you.

**GASDS –** We have also made a claim for this extra benefit of claiming £2,000 on the loose plate donations which we are extremely grateful.

#### ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £33,004.68. Thank you very much for your generosity.