

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

**RCIC –** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 after 11am  
Mass make your way to the upstairs room 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:

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, Fr Dominic McKenna, Lawrence Henry, Lucas DaSivla 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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Readings: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17: 2,4,47,51;

1Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40 PB: page 146

30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR A- 282/10/2023

### Love God and your neighbour as yourself

On this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus is asked by the Pharisees "Which commandment of the law is the greatest?" This question seemed reasonable but if the law consisted in only the Ten Commandments, this would be tough enough. But the written "Torah" (law) included many more moral, ceremonial, and dietary prescriptions 613 to be exact and 248 are DOS and 365 are DON'TS. Jesus amazes them by splicing together two passages from the "Torah" he sinks them. "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind" (Deuteronomy 6:5). "This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbours as yourself.' (Leviticus 19:18). This answer blows them away because, Jesus brilliantly shows that every single precept is an expression of these two commandments. If you look at the Ten Commandments you will see that the first three are about loving God and the other seven are about loving your neighbour. Therefore, these two commandments are indeed the root of them all. This is precisely what is Jesus reproaching the Pharisees because they do not do what the Law says but rather, they scorn the poor and the ignorant and thus their preaching and teaching are empty of the essence of the law. St Paul himself speaks his experience as a former Pharisee, he said "*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal*" (1 Corinthians 13:1). They are too many Christians who are like a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal in our time. If you and I are one of those, let us ask the Lord to convert us to him and learn again how we are loved by God and then learn to love our neighbour. There too many Christians who have a vertical relationship with God by doing a lot of prayers, retreats, preaching and studying but forgetting to have the horizontal relationship with their neighbours, which is the second part of fulfilling the law of God. Today let us reflect and go to the root of our relationship with God and neighbour. Let us take the measure of our love for God which perhaps is too lukewarm or may be really deep and real. This can be tested by looking at our way we relate to our neighbours, meaning our spouses, our children, colleagues, flat mates, our brothers and sisters of our community in church and so on and so forth. Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to love in the same way he has loved us and that love, the very presence and essence of God, may be in us and work within 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 repose soul of **Cirinea Trafalgar**.

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose souls of **Vicenza and Anthony Galea**.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** Freddy Joseph Boyaram RIP, Fr Dominic McKenna RIP **11am** Prayer for the Family Thanksgiving **Monday 10am** Kevin Walshe INT, Annie Mae Walshe INT  
**Tuesday 10am** Tony & Betty Watt Thanksgiving, Maria Elena Martinez Carvajal Thanksgiving  
**Wednesday 10am** Ify Eze & Family Thanksgiving, Harjit & Geeta INT **7pm** People of the Parish **Thursday 10am** November Dead List, Paul Spencer INT **Friday 7pm** Shirley Julien Thanksgiving, Monica Lewis RIP **Saturday 10am** Thelma Harvey RIP, Prayer for the Family Thanksgiving **7pm** Martial Meunier RIP, Pedro Teixeira Thanksgiving

### PARISH NEWS

#### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next week there will be a second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please generously use the envelopes in the church or online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) or scan the QR code displayed on the poster at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

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

Application packs are now available.

**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.haringev.sch.uk](http://www.sfds.haringev.sch.uk) OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT: [admin@sfdsharingev.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sfdsharingev.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.

#### SVP WITHIN ST FRANCIS DE SALES - TOTTENHAM

An SVP Conference has been established in our Parish in August 2022 and since then, our SVP members have been working in different social areas within our Parish. Hopefully you will have picked up an SVP leaflet that was with the Newsletter last week.

The President of the SVP will speak at each of the Masses this Weekend to make an appeal for Volunteers to help support the work that has been going on in the Parish since early this year.

**November Dead List sheets and envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please hand them over to the Parish Office or to Fr David.**

**ALL SAINTS MASS CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER AT 10AM AND 7PM; ALL SOULS MASS ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER AT 10AM.**

## 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.

Road restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link

<https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/the-stadium/local/>

**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!

### BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON PARISH VISITATION WEEKEND

Our area Bishop John Sherrington will visit our Parish on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November. Bishop John will celebrate all Masses on that weekend and meet parishioners after all Masses.

### 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 £555.83 Envelopes £244.31 Standing Orders (September) £3,493 Contactless (September) £181 Comboni Sisters £410.10, CAFOD £20 WMS £30.

**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 for which we are extremely grateful.

#### ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND

To-date we have raised a total of £32,766.38. Thank you very much for your generosity.