

## 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 hold this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

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

**FHC 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 –** Next session is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

**RCIA -** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

**RCIC –** This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November with Mass at 11am, followed by a session upstairs in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road.

**RCIC Parents and children:** RCIC Enrolment Mass - next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

### 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, Marjorine Nunoo, Benedict D'Silva, Timothy O'Connor, Anne Elizabeth Beguin (*nee* Corrigan), Pauline Ilogebe Udenze, Mercedes Torres Arroyo, Fr Dominic McKenna, Lawrence Henry, Helena Duckett, Agnes Otuo Achampong, Lucas DaSivla, Jean Mae Marlow 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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**Parish Administrator:** Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska.

**Catechetical Coordinator:** Mrs Marcelle Jemide

**Safeguarding Officer:** Ms Vicky Gowdie



**Readings:** Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-18; Psalm 130 (131);

1Thessalonians 2:7-9,13; Matthew 23:1-12 PB: page 149

31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A- 05/11/2023

### Teaching and living the Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus fires heavily on the Pharisees who are the teachers of the Law in Israel. He is very critical of their hypocrisy and lack of coherent behaviour as teachers of the Law. They are criticised for not living what they preach. They talk the talk but do not walk the walk! It is evident in the Gospels that the Pharisees are critical opponents of Jesus, of his teaching and mission. The Pharisees were a group of religious leaders who were deeply concerned about the cultural and religious crisis caused by the Roman occupation. The name Pharisee (Hebrew. *perushim*) means "separated ones." They believe that Israel must separate itself from all Gentile impurity and defilement, since only in this way will God rescue his people from the power of Rome. They did this in a practical way by giving a considerably high attention to ritual purity guided by the Old Testament Law and developed an entire body of personal ritual and traditions to stand alongside the Law of Moses (613 ritual prescriptions). They were respected people among the Jewish society and had a very good intention to protect their traditions and identity, as a reaction to the influence of the conquering power and its culture and religion. However, their overzeal to preserve the purity of the Law and identity, led them to forget the essence of the Law which is, Love for God and neighbour as yourself. In this sense, the prophet's Malachi's words concur with Jesus' reproach to them when it says, 'you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.'

By contrast St Paul has become another kind of teacher who has converted and learnt the way Jesus has taught him to be a teacher and preacher of the Gospel. The lines he wrote to his converts of the Thessalonian community speaks volumes of his character when he wrote, 'Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well.' St Paul was educated as a Pharisee in the school of a famous Rabbi called Gamaliel and he converted after his meeting with Jesus on his way to Damascus. There were many Pharisees like St Paul who believed in Jesus and became followers of Jesus. St Paul's life became like Jesus'. St Paul became the teacher whose life was a living Gospel. His preaching and teaching were accepted with the authority of Jesus as God himself. He had given his life for the Gospel, and this was evident to all his converts as his life was coherent with his teaching and this has given him that authority which the other Pharisees lacked. On this week, let us ask the Lord to help us to look at our lives and not to be afraid to question ourselves and see if our lives are coherent with our faith and accept to convert to the Lord and let him teach us and mould us to become true teachers of the Gospel.

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 of the soul of **Lucas Dasivla**.

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose of the soul of **James Shine**.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** Marina Clara ANNIV, pray for Jorge & Maria Silva Thanksgiving **11am** Prayer for the Family Thanksgiving, pray for Sebastiano Barreiro Thanksgiving **Monday 10am** Sacred Heart of Jesus Thanksgiving, pray for Jacques Family RIP **Tuesday 10am** Mofe Jemide Thanksgiving, pray for The Louise's Family RIP **Thursday 10am** November Dead List, pray for Len Morden RIP **12pm** Lucas Dasivla Funeral Mass **Friday 11am** Jean Marlow Funeral Mass **7pm** November Dead List, pray for Solange Ernestine RIP **Saturday 10am** Mary & Mathew Timmons ANNIV pray for November Dead List **7pm** Pat Conneely ANNIV, pray for Maureen Walsh ANNIV

### PARISH NEWS

#### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

Today we will have 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.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.

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

Last weekend our SVP Conference has made an appeal for more volunteers to help in our outreach social work. If you are interested, please contact SVP Tottenham on 07918592305.

#### SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note that when seats are **reserved** for children and young people to sit on during Mass NO ADULTS aside from the Catechists can sit on those reserved seats. All adults including Parents must sit on the non-reserved seats. Please respect the children and young people's space at all times. Thanks

## 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/>

### MASS FOR THE DECESASED PARISHIONERS 2023

We will celebrate a Memorial Mass for all the deceased parishioners of St Francis de Sales on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. We would like to extend this invitation to all families and friends to come to pray for our loved ones.

### BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON PARISH VISITATION WEEKEND

Our area Bishop John Sherrington will visit our Parish next weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November. Bishop John will celebrate Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 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 £653.33 Envelopes £297.50 Standing Orders (September) £3,493 Contactless (September) £181 Comboni Sisters £410.10, CAFOD £55 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 £32,906.38. Thank you very much for your generosity.