

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 2nd 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:

FHC Parents meeting: Parents meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 6pm to 7pm in church.

FHC Children's meeting –
GROUP 1: FRIDAY 24th November at 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
GROUP 2: SATURDAY 25th November at 12noon to 1pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation – Next session is on Monday 20th November at 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 24th November with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – This Sunday 19th November with Mass at 11am, followed by a session 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, 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, Francis Onyearuqbulem 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: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm 127(128)
:1-5; 1Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 PB: page 155

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A- 19/11/2023

Trade your talent and take a risk for Christ

This is a penultimate Sunday of our liturgical year of the cycle A. The Church invites us again to reflect of the Second Coming of Christ and the Judgement of God. This time is the parable of the talents which the Lord (Master) has given to his servants, that is, all of us men and women, the responsibility over his creation and over our neighbours. No one of us can claim that we have not been given a talent, meaning, gifts from God to be able to serve our brothers and sisters. Do you know what talents have the Lord given you or gifted you? And what have you and I done with our gifts?

A talent in Israel was a huge amount of money which, the Master has entrusted to his servants. The first and the second servants took a risk and invested the master's money and were very successful and gained double of the amount. However, the third servant was fearful to lose his master's money and did the safest thing that is, to bury the money. Sometimes we can be like the last servant when we are overcautious and do not take any risks in sharing our faith with our children, parents, friends and colleagues. The point of Christianity is not to keep the faith but to work to make it grow and bear fruit. This is called "Evangelisation." The Church's mission, yours and my mission, is to make present Christ on earth through the coherent testimony of our lives that conforms to that of Christ. The call is to take a risk and be fruitful and not to remain fearful and just doing the safe thing by keeping and living our faith at an individual level and aiming to do just the minimum effort to fulfil our religious duty like, fulfilling Sunday Mass obligation, which at present is not possible to do so. Our current pastoral in the Church is a pastoral of maintenance rather than missionary. This is in a way, to be burying the talent the Lord has given us and we need to wake up and start working with faith and confidence in the Lord and take a risk to pray more, to learn more about our faith and history to understand our identity, to speak and bear testimony of our faith and experience of God, to our children and neighbours, without fearing to be ridiculed and ostracised by the unbelieving world. We have an immense mission ahead of us and much work to do. Let us take courage on this word and, start using and trading the talents the Lord our master has given us, so that we may be able to enter into the joy of the Lord who may be saying to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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 **Virgilio Manalo**.

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 November Dead List, Prayer in Thanksgiving to God **11am** Andrew Salami RIP, Linda Sabaroch ANNIV **Monday 10am** Dennis O'Connor ANNIV, November Dead List **Tuesday 10am** Maria Lopes ANNIV, Kathleen Aylward ANNIV **Wednesday No Mass** **Thursday 10am** November Dead List, Anne Gallagher RIP **Friday 7pm** Ignatius McNicholl ANNIV, James Shine RIP **Saturday 10am** November Dead List, Fr John Hannon SMA ANNIV **7pm** Thomas Cosgrove ANNIV, Jose Martins Goncalves RIP

PARISH NEWS

AN ADVENT RETREAT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH TOTTENHAM

We would like to invite all volunteers who help us ministering in the various pastoral areas in our Parish to an Advent Retreat on Saturday 9th December starting with Mass at 10am, followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction and a time of reflection and spiritual talks in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The retreat will finish by 3pm.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend this retreat at tottenham@rcdow.org.uk by 30th November. Let us start this new season of Advent with a renew spirit of service with joy and love for our parishioners and parish community.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICES

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

Please remember that all children under 11 years old should be accompanied in church at times.

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.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH CHRISTMAS HARDSHIP FUND 2023

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas, we are aware that millions are facing a cost of living crisis. People are being hit by increased energy costs and rising inflation. Last year we have asked parishioners to help out with our Christmas Parish Hardship Fund from which many of our families most in need have profited and this gave them the chance to celebrate Christmas in a dignified way. Please consider donating to this fund. It will be used to give grants to those in need, so that they may have the dignity of being able to use it for their urgent needs or be able to briefly enjoy the choices in the supermarket that so many of us take for granted. You can donate in cash by putting it in an envelope with the name of the appeal or if you do it online, please write "Christmas Hardship Fund". (Our website details are on the next page)

Thank you very much for your generous donations!

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday 26th 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/>

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 OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT: admin@sfds.haringey.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.

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 £491.13 Envelopes £251.75 Standing Orders (October) £4,280 Contactless (October) £150 S&R £179

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 £33,116.38. Thank you very much for your generosity.