

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 2nd December at 12noon in church. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

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.

Confirmation – Next session is on Monday 27th November at 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 1st December with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – This Sunday 26th 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: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6;
1Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46 PB: page 155

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE YEAR A- 26/11/2023

CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This great feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ over all earthly powers and remind us Christians, of our identity as children of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. This feast comes to assure us that Christ is present reigning in our lives in our troubled world. It proclaims that He has already been victorious over death, since he has risen from the dead and, has given us the gift of eternal life. We Christians believe that God reigns over everything and has power to overcome all evils and sufferings humanity causes to each other by waging war and exploiting the poor and vulnerable. God reigns over all other "apparent powerful gods" of our materialistic and secularised world, driven by the lust of money and power that is causing us today to live in fear and anxiety. Today's feast invites us to have faith and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ and let Christ reign in us and through us so that we, like him, may serve our neighbours as Christ taught us, to work for the Kingdom of God. However, some may ask, what is the Kingdom of God and where is that kingdom of Christ on earth? Here is an explanation given by Gerald Darring (St. Louis University: *Center for Liturgy*): The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is King! We pray today that God may help us to recognise his powerful hand acting in our world and lives and to reign with him by serving God in our neighbours, as Christ the Servant King served humanity by his sacrifice on the Cross and redeemed us in his Resurrection.

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 **Sara Tavares**

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 People of the Parish, Adwua Owusu Akyau Thanksgiving **11am** November Dead List, Mary Obeng Thanksgiving **Monday 10am** Enriqueta Farrachol & Sons RIP, Juan Bedregal RIP **Tuesday 10am** Thomas Maughan RIP, Alberto & Luzmila Bustillos RIP **Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am** Ivar Bergara RIP, Jorge Davalos RIP **Friday 7pm** Ife Eze & Family Thanksgiving, Berenice Meridith Thanksgiving **Saturday 10am** Aaliyah Cardoso RIP, Our Lady of Lourdes in Thanksgiving **7pm** Irene Zyzycz RIP, Eddie Jo 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.

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!

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR 2023

In addition to our Christmas Parish Hardship Fund, you can also help by donating some food to be distributed to families in need who turn to Food Banks. Caritas Food Collective encourage us to use the Advent Calendar to bring items that will be sent to Food Banks in our area or be given to our families in need from our parish community. This will start from 2nd December. Please take with you one of the calendars or check the items you would be able to bring in the coming weeks and drop it at the entrance of the church or hand it to one of our volunteers and SVP members or you can drop it at the Parish Office, preferably at office times 9am to 1pm.

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR DECEMBER 2023

Thursday 7th TOT-WHU at 20.15; Sunday 10th TOT-NEW at 16.30; Saturday 16th TOT-ARS (Women) at 12.00; Saturday 23rd TOT-EVE at 15.00; Sunday 31st TOT-BOU at 14.00.

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 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 £441.70 Envelopes £338.33 Standing Orders (October) £4,280 Contactless (October) £150 S&R £219

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.