

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism course will be announced in January 2024. 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 Group 2 Session: Today Sunday 10th December in the Parish Hall from 10am prompt; followed by 11am Mass in Church. Parents please collect your child promptly after Mass.

FHC CHILDREN'S RECONCILIATION SERVICE

GROUP 1 & GROUP 2 – First Reconciliation on **Friday 15th December: 5pm-6.30pm in Church.**

FHC Parents meeting: Parents meeting on Tuesday 9th January at 6pm to 7pm in church.

Confirmation – Next session is on Monday 11th December at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 15th December with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – This Sunday 10th December 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
Suspended for this Saturday
Due to the Match at 12 noon.

Confessions
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 Lucy Dawson 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: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Psalm 84(85):9-14; 2Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR B- 10/12/2023

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

As every year on the Second Sunday of Advent the Church exhorts us to Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. On this Second Sunday of Advent the Church exhorts us to prepare the way for the Lord in our lives, through the preaching of St John the Baptist, who according to Jesus is the voice of the prophet Elijah, who was the one who would prepare people to receive the Anointed One of God, the Christ or the Messiah in Hebrew. Today let us listen to John's exhortation, 'prepare the way, the path for the Lord'. How can we prepare the way for the Lord? I would suggest that first we need to take some time to quieten our lives and detach ourselves from the cacophony of the world that is constantly luring us like pop ads, to work hard and to buy its values based on possession of money that promise fame, prestige, power, comfort, success, lust to buying things and many other messages which, we passively receive that prevents us from seeing and valuing the real things that are vital and necessary for us such as, human relationships, especially within our family. Care and love for the other, especially the vulnerable. The Lord has been trying to teach us to re-discover the true things that last in our world, that is, having a true relationship of love with God and our neighbour. Therefore, we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by clearing the path from obstacles caused by distractions like the misuse of media, whereby we might be wasting time watching stuff for hours and not engaging with our family, relatives or anyone around us. The Lord invites us to clear the way for him by making the mountain of our pride lay low. By seeking reconciliation with those who we keep in our debt and getting rid of judgements against them. Let us fill the valley of our emptiness of superficial life with the meaningful words of life from the Lord who speaks to us through the Bible and prayer. Let the cliff of our indifference and selfishness become a plain, to allow the other to come close to us and may we be able to lend an attentive ear, to understand and bring consolation to the downhearted and those mourning and feeling isolated or unloved. The Lord is coming with power, says the prophet Isaiah, and he is coming to bring joy and consolation to us who are living in distress at this difficult time of uncertainty. The Lord is coming in humility to be with us and remain with us. Let us prepare the way for him to meet us where we are.

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 Albert Fatusin RIP, Benedicta Fatusin RIP **11am** In Thanksgiving To God, Kesia, Stephanie, Kevin, Audrey Thanksgiving **Monday 10am** Kevin & Annie Mai Walshe INT, John & Breege Shannon INT **Tuesday 10am** Annie Mai Walshe INT, Stefan Flak & Deceased Family Members RIP **Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am** Lucy Dawson RIP, Theresa Pierre Thanksgiving **Friday 7pm** Gabriel & Grace Duru RIP, Family Duru Thanksgiving **Saturday 10am** Michel & Lucette Duval RIP, Eileen O'Donoghue RIP **7pm** Albert Flak INT, Steven Flak INT

PARISH NEWS

Hospitality after Mass – there is no hospitality tea & coffee this Sunday.

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. 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.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN

We will soon have our Christmas trees set in the church after 20th December. This year we would like to appeal to your generosity to donate presents for children, as too many families cannot afford to buy food and let alone Christmas presents. Please bring your presents labelled by age range and whether is for a boy or girl. Thank you very much for your support.

THE CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ARE PRINTED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME AND PLAN YOUR JOURNEY AND TIME COMING TO CHURCH FOR THE FESTIVITIES.

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR DECEMBER 2023

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/>

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND PRAYER NEXT SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

We are delighted to invite you to our Parish Christmas Carols and prayer next Saturday 16th December after the 7pm Vigil Mass. The parish choir and children will perform Christmas Carols accompanied by evening prayer. The Carol service will be followed by a social time with light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

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 Loose £264.85 Envelopes £308.80 Standing Orders (November) £3,723 Contactless (October) £217 Christmas Hardship Fund £310

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 £33,621.38. Thank you very much for your generosity.