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

Children's Meetings:

GROUP 1: Friday 12th January 2024 at 5.30pm-6.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

GROUP 2: Saturday 13th January 2024 at 12noon-1pm; in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation – Next session is on Monday 8th January 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 12th January 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – This Sunday 10th December 2023 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, Scarllette Yeboah, Luis Blanco, Seamus Cronin, Jason Kyriakides, Desiree Ann Seechan, Lyra Richards, Patricia Dilaver, Victoria Nma Odilli, Valentina Cuenco, Rene Petrousse, Bernard (Bernie) Meaney, Ernest William, Melford Weekes, Gabrielle Doocey, Gadje Sabine Ouan, Marjorine Benedict D'Silva, Nunoo, 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 Onyearugbulem 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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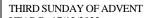
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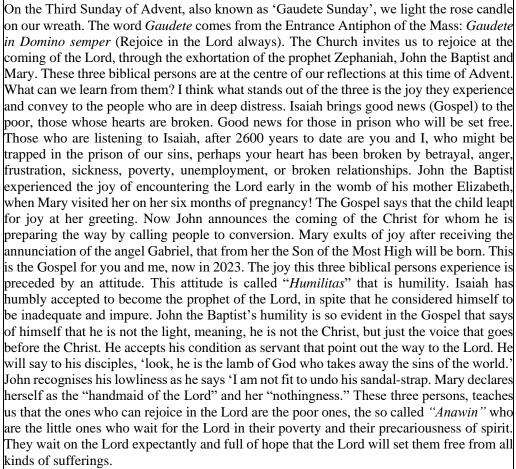
Parish Priest: Fr David Lucuy Claros
Parish Administrator: Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska.
Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide
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Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11; Luke 1:46-50,53-54;



1Thessalonians 5:16-24: John 1:6-8.19-28 YEAR B- 17/12/2023

Humility and Joy



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 Lucy Toussaint ANNIV, The Departed Families 11am Mary Obeng Thanksgiving, Afrifa, Bossman, Maame Thanksgiving Monday 10am Edmund Fitzgerald ANNIV, Fr David Lucuy Claros Thanksgiving Tuesday10am Jeanette Travis ANNIV, Elisabete Veselovska Thanksgiving Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am Eugene Killeen ANNIV, Charlotte Cassar RIP Friday 7pm Mary Ryan ANNIV, Anne Gallagher RIP Saturday 10am Charlotte Baxter RIP, Arturo Linares ANNIV 7pm Lilian Obiike RIP, Mary Donnelly RIP

PARISH NEWS

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 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

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 SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

A big thank you to our choirs and to Charles our Parish Organist who delighted us with the beautiful Christmas Carols and prayer this Saturday. A big thanks to the Parish Hospitality team who had prepared and served the light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all parishioners for your active support and generosity!

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 £419.44 Envelopes £393.10 Standing Orders (November) £3,723 Contactless (November) £217 Christmas Hardship Fund £500

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 £33,682.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.