

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 14th January 2024 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:

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, Gadge 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, Christopher Nwankwo, Malika Sauvimootu, Leonard Cotter 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: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14; Psalm 127 (128):1-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – NEW YEAR 31/12/2023

The Holy Family of Nazareth and Mary the Mother of God

At the closing of this year 2023 and the opening of the new year 2024, it is fitting to do it with the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Jesus, the Son of God, was born from the womb of Mary and was brought up by St Joseph and Mary. Mary welcomed the Son of God with joy and received him with tender love at his birth and wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Joseph, in faith and love took Mary as his wife and assumed the embraced the responsibility to bring up Jesus as his son. St Joseph, a man of faith listened to the angel and took the child Jesus and Mary to safety in Egypt. Mary, with sorrow kissed tenderly the body of the Lord when he was taken down from the cross and wrapped his dead body with burial clothes. Mary was there from the beginning to the very end of Jesus's life and ministry on earth. Mary and Joseph brought up Jesus to fulfil his mission to save us and make us children of God.

The Son of God needed a family to fulfil the mission the Father entrusted to his Son our Lord. Mary our tender Mother, has been given to us by Jesus, when he was on the cross when he said to John 'here is your mother' (Jn 19:26). Mary our mother, accompanies us through our joyful and sorrowful moments in life. She is our mother and she is attentive to us her children whom she loves tenderly as his beloved Son Jesus. We trust that she will also be there, when we close our eyes and meet our creator, our merciful and compassionate Father.

We take comfort in this knowledge that Mary our mother and the Mother of God, is constantly interceding for us before the Lord, as she did at the wedding in Cana in Galilee. She makes possible for us to enjoy the new wine of the new life which, God has given us through his Son Jesus Christ, by whose blood we have been redeemed and made children of God.

At the start of this new year 2024, we ask Mary to keep us under her tender motherly care and may we confidently let ourselves be loved by her and love her Son Jesus Christ *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 intentions of **Terril Family**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Sr Margarita Foley ANNIV, Emmanuel Augustin RIP **11am** Dolores Salami RIP, Theresa&George Pierre Thanksgiving; **6.00pm POP Monday (New year) 9am** John Aylward ANNIV, Maria&Sean Devaney INT **11am** Violet Bilsby RIP, Ferdinand Udeji ANNIV
Tuesday 10am Gary Slattery ANNIV, Ines Rodrigues & Remedios Romero RIP **Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am** Mercedes Campos & Raul Rios RIP, Filomena Beltran RIP **Friday 7pm** Kathleen Wilson INT, Drapers Charity Thanksgiving **Saturday 10am** Noelia Augustin RIP, Rafael, Joana, Ana Fanny Aramayo RIP **7pm** Bridie Collins RIP, Mary Donnelly RIP

PARISH NEWS

THANKSGIVING

A big thank you to all who have been very supportive throughout the festivities of Christmas and New Year. On behalf of the Parish Team and myself, thank you very much for your generosity with the Christmas gifts for our children and your donations towards the Christmas Hardship Fund that has helped several families. Thank you very much for your support with the Advent Calendar Food Donations. Thank you to all the volunteers who are ministering in various ways and areas in our parish. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Thank you for all your kind greetings and generous expressions of gratitude to the Parish Team and myself. May the Lord reward you a hundredfold for your generosity and love for our parish community. Fr David

RECYCLING CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

We would like to collect old Christmas cards and any tree decorations which people would dispose, throughout the Christmas season until the end of January 2024. We are already planning to use them for the church decorations for next year. Boxes will be made available at the back of the church.

THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED AFTER 11AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY. WE KINDLY ASK YOU TO REMAIN BEHIND TO GIVE US A HAND. THANKS

BINGO AND RAFFLE AFTERNOON TEA AND BISCUITS ON FRIDAYS

We gather in the parish hall on Brereton Road every Friday at 2pm. All are welcome!

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR JANUARY 2024

Friday 5th TOT-BUR at 20.00; Wednesday 31st TOT-BRE at 19.30.

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

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 £443.66 Envelopes £296.20 Christmas Loose 760.14 Christmas Env £567.85 Standing Orders (November) £3,723 Contactless (November) £217 Christmas Hardship Fund £1,070

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 £33,742.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.