

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism of Infants Course will be on Saturday 24th February 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 6th February 2024 at 6pm to 7pm in church.

Children's Meetings:

GROUP 1: Friday 9th February 2024 at 5.30pm-6.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

GROUP 2: Saturday 10th February 2024 at 12noon-1pm; in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation – Next session is on Monday 29th January 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 9th February 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – Today Sunday 28th January 2024 with Mass at 11am, followed by a session upstairs in the Parish Hall on Breerton 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94 (95):1-2,6-9;
1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR B 28/01/2024

This Sunday's Gospel (Mk 1:21-28) presents to us Jesus, who was preaching on the Sabbath in the Synagogue of Capernaum, the little town on the Sea of Galilee where Peter and his brother Andrew lived. His teaching, which gave rise to wonder among the people, was followed by the deliverance of "a man with an unclean spirit" (v. 23), who recognized Jesus as "the Holy One of God", that is, the Messiah. In a short time, his fame spread across the region which he passed through proclaiming the Kingdom of God and healing the sick of every kind: words and action. St John Chrysostom pointed out that the Lord "varies the mode of profiting his hearers, after miracles entering on words, and again from the instruction by his words passing to miracles" (*Hom. in Mattheum* 25, 1: PG 57, 328).

The words Jesus addresses to the people immediately give access to the will of the Father and to the truth about themselves. This was not the case for the scribes who instead had to make an effort to interpret the Sacred Scriptures with countless reflections. Moreover Jesus united the efficacy of the word with the efficacy of the signs of deliverance from evil. St Athanasius notes that "for his charging evil spirits and their being driven forth, this deed is not of man, but of God"; indeed the Lord "drove away from men all diseases and infirmities"... Those "who saw his power... will no longer doubt whether this be the Son and Wisdom and Power of God?" (*Oratio de Incarnatione Verbi* 18,19: PG 25, 128 BC. 129 B).

The divine authority is not a force of nature. It is the power of the love of God that creates the universe and, becoming incarnate in the Only-Begotten Son, descending into our humanity, heals the world corrupted by sin. Romano Guardini wrote: "Jesus' entire existence is the translation of power into humility... here is the sovereignty which lowers itself into the form of a servant" (*Il Potere, Brescia* 1999, 141-142).

Authority, for human beings, often means possession, power, dominion and success. Instead for God authority means service, humility and love; it means entering into the logic of Jesus who stoops to wash his disciples' feet (see Jn 13:5), who seeks man's true good, who heals wounds, who is capable of a love so great that he gives his life, because he is Love. In one of her Letters St. Catherine of Siena wrote: "It is necessary for us to see and know, in truth, with the light of the faith, that God is supreme and eternal Love and cannot want anything but our good" (Ep. 13 in: *Le Lettere*, vol. 3, Bologna 1999, 206).

BENEDICT XVI - ANGELUS- St. Peter's Square, Sunday, 29 January 2012

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 **Melanie Henao**.

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose of the soul of **Gregorio Rodrigues**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Ifeany Duru Thanksgiving **11am** Thomas Maughan RIP, Lucas Dasivla RIP **Monday 10am** Ellen O'Connor ANNIV, Carmen Thorpe RIP **Tuesday 10am** Cirinea Trafalgar ANNIV, Jose Prado ANNIV **Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am** Regino Nogat Jr & Avelino Serrano INT, Cristina Ortegao, Thelma, Rosario, Rosiah Lando INT **Friday 11am** Leonard Cotter RIP Funeral Mass **7pm** Chioma Duru and Family Thanksgiving, Gabriel and Grace Duru RIP **Saturday 10am** Roland & Rosemonde RIP, Babe Special INT **4pm** May Chigboh RIP Requiem Mass **7pm** Adelaide Owusu-Banalene RIP

PARISH NEWS

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.

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!

ST VINCENT THE PAUL SVP - ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

The aim of the St Vincent De Paul (SVP) charity is to tackle poverty both material and emotional through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. We bring this relief thanks to the involvement of our voluntary members. We address specific needs in the local community by engaging in befriending and special projects that serve the most disadvantaged regardless of their background or religion. A significant proportion of our work is made up of visiting those who are elderly, sick and lonely.

The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift. If you would like to be help, please contact the Parish Office 02088083554 or email. tottenham@rcdow.org.uk.

LEGION OF MARY – ST FRANCIS DE SALES TOTTENHAM

The legion holds a weekly meeting, every Sunday at 12noon in the Parish Hall. We gather to pray the rosary, spiritual meetings, talks and have a discussion. The legion of Mary undertakes many forms of apostolic work directed by the Parish Priest and it is also an extension of God's ministry into the parish. If you would like to enroll please contact the Parish Office 02088083554 or email. tottenham@rcdow.org.uk.

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR JANUARY 2024

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@sfdsharingey.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 £336.37 Envelopes £128.90 Standing Orders (December) £3,146.80 Contactless (December) £72 Crib £302.99

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 £33,752.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.