

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism of Infants Course will be on Saturday 20th January at 12noon in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road (on the first floor). 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 26th January 2024 at 5.30pm-6.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

GROUP 2: Saturday 27th January 2024 at 12noon-1pm; in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation – Next session is on Monday 15th January 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

Confirmation Sponsors Meeting scheduled on Saturday 20th January at 12noon until 1pm in the Parish Hall.

RCIA - Friday 26th January 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – Today 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 Petrousse, 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, May Chigboh 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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Psalm 39 (40):2,4,7-10;
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR B 14/01/2024

WE HAVE BEEN MADE CHILDREN OF GOD

During the season of Christmas, we have been celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. On Monday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which mark the beginning of his public ministry but also the revelation to humankind of the Mystery of God which the Church calls the dogma of the Holy Trinity, God being the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The presence of the Trinity reveals Jesus' identity and mission and consequently, ours as God's children. The heaven's opening indicates God's intervention in our human history. God is not indifferent to our human condition and comes down to us in the person of Jesus to let us know that we are his children and that we are loved in the "Beloved Son." This is the Good News (Gospel). You and I are the beloved ones of God our Father. He has given us Jesus to make us his adoptive children through baptism. John gave a baptism of repentance but Jesus the Christ, the sinless who had no need to repent from any sin, was there shoulder to shoulder with repentant sinners waiting to receive the baptism of John at the start of his public ministry. He shows us that we are not alone, that God is not far away from us, but he is here among us sharing in our frailty and weaknesses and he comes down to enter into the muddy waters of our lives. He came to wash away our sins and gives us the Holy Spirit to make of us "adopted children of God." The waters of baptism have been made holy by the Holy one of God. By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC #1279]. The mission of Jesus, the Christ was to save us from sin. The prophecy of Isaiah 42 applies to Jesus, he is "the servant of God" who has been baptised in "blood" by his passion and death. Jesus was aware of his mission and embraced it for love of us all.

Today let us renew our baptismal promises as Catholic Christians and children of God. Let us pray and give thanks to God for the gift of having been made children of God and coheirs of the promise of life eternal through Jesus Christ. Let us pray with grateful hearts for our parents and godparents and all those who have been feeding our faith in God throughout our lives. May God help us to listen to his voice as Samuel and Jesus did and be able to say with them 'here I am Lord! I come to do your will' Let us ask the Lord to make us able to do his will and fulfil our mission as dignified chosen children of God. May we be true disciples of Christ and bring our brothers and sisters before the Lord as Simon brought his brother Simon who became Peter. Let us be God's presence among our neighbours by serving them with patience, care and love.

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 **Christopher Nwankwo**.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Thomas Cummins RIP **11am** Sr Sylvia McCarthy RIP, Kwasi Kagyah ANNIV
Monday 10am David & Jewel Cole RIP, Pope Francis Thanksgiving **Tuesday 10am** Sean Smith RIP, Sr Kathleen Smith RIP **Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am** Mabel Asafu-Adjaye RIP, Hilary Alfony RIP **11.30am** Clare Ann Forrest Funeral Mass **Friday 11.30am** Malika Saverimuthu Funeral Mass **7pm** Divine Mercy Thanksgiving, Edward & Mary Stokes & The Stokes Family Thanksgiving **Saturday 10am** Frances Noonan RIP, Betty Millington RIP **12pm** Christopher Nwankwo Requiem Mass **7pm** John, Anne McDonagh and McDonagh Family Thanksgiving, Reilly Maughan, Nevin Morgan, Ward O'Reilly Family And All Travellers Families Thanksgiving

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

Friday 26th January TOT-MC 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 £452.91 Envelopes £318.80 Christmas Env £69 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 £33,942.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.