

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**BAPTISMS:** Our next Infants Baptism Course will be announce next Sunday. 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6pm to 7pm in church.

### Children's Meetings:

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

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

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

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

**RCIC** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** Isaiah 6:-1-6; Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13;  
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
07/01/2024

### Let us come and adore Him!

During Christmas we have been singing Carols and particularly this one 'O come, let us adore Him' by John Francis Wade and translated by Frederick Oakeley 1743. On this Sunday of the Epiphany of the Lord we contemplate this very action made by the Magi which according to the tradition is believed that they were not Kings, but a caste of Persian priests who served Kings by using their skills in interpreting dreams and the movements of the stars. They saw a bright star which intrigued them and set them on a journey. This journey took them to Bethlehem where the Gospel of Matthew relates, the star stopped and they discovered the new born baby and his mother laying on the manger. They saw and believed this baby was God and prostrated themselves in adoration and presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as to acknowledge that he was the King, the Son of God and man who would die for the sins of the world. Today the Church celebrates this manifestation of the Son of God to the nations represented in the Magi. This manifestation of the Lord is the fulfilment of the prophesies of old which Isaiah saw and says 'The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.' (Is 60:3) And the Psalm sings 'All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.' (Psalm 71:11). This manifestation is a reality today as we gather together to adore the Lord in our church, where we are coming from different nations from around the world. We have seen the light of the Lord each in our way and time like the Magi and set on journey following the light that has brought us together here in Tottenham, in this particular church community, to adore the Lord and give thanks for all his blessings throughout our lives.

O come, let us adore Him whom has been faithful to us in every way. He has blessed us with many gifts and his faithfulness will have no end.

O come, let us adore Him for his patience with us who are slow to forgive and be patient with others and with God himself.

O come, let us adore Him with songs of praise and thanksgiving because he has revealed to us his Son Jesus, who has made us children of God and has given us Mary as our Mother.

Let us join the Magi bringing the gift of Gold as to recognise that He is the King of Kings who has come to serve humanity with his own life in exchange for ours. May we also be able to offer the gift of our lives as the servant King by giving our lives for others at every opportunity.

Let us join the Magi by bringing the gift of incense and recognise that He is the only Lord and God and not other idols of the world or ourselves, who tend to be gods when we become self-centred and self-reliant in all things.

Let us join the Magi by bringing myrrh and acknowledge his love for us when he came as a man to die for our sins so that we may have life and life eternal in Him.

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 of the soul of **James Shine**.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** Chioma Duru & Family Thanksgiving, Enriquetta Farrachol & Sons RIP **11am** Colin & Marcelle Jemide, Thanksgiving, Roseline Odoeme & Family Special INT **Monday 10am** Freddie & Irene Boyaran RIP, John Fitzpatrick RIP **Tuesday 10am** Loga & Masila ANNIV, Marie Curie Thanksgiving **Wednesday No Mass; Thursday 10am** Joanna Reynolds RIP, Josephine Rajanayagam & Anthonipillai ANNIV **Friday 7pm** Nora Searle INT, Stefan Flak & Deceased Family members **Saturday 10am** Joy Luxford RIP, Uche Julie Atacko INT **7pm** Mai Fitzsimmons INT, Eamonn Fitzsimmons 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 TODAY. 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!

#### FR JOSEPH THANGARAJ AND FR DAVID ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Joseph Thangaraj from the Missionary fathers of Mill Hill Society will stay in the Parish Presbytery and celebrate most weekday Masses through the month of January and first week of February 2024, whilst Fr David will be away on annual leave. Please, welcome and offer him your support. It would be nice if you would make feel him at home and invite him for a meal.

## SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR JANUARY 2024

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.sfds.haringey.sch.uk) OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT: [admin@sfds.haringey.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 £479.97 Envelopes £327.40 Christmas Loose £100 Christmas Env £10 Standing Orders (December) £3,146.80 Contactless (December) £72 Christmas Hardship Fund £1,220

**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.

**GAADS** – 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 £33,857.53. Thank you very much for your generosity.