

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism of Infants Course will be announced next week. 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 22nd January 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

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

RCIC – Today Sunday 21th 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 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: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 24 (25):4-6,7b-9;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 14:1-20

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR B 21/01/2024

Everything Pertains to Love!

'Totum amoris est', ('Everything Pertains to Love') This is the title Pope Francis had given to his Apostolic Letter, written on the occasion of the fourth centenary of the death of our Patron Saint St. Francis de Sales in 2023. In this Apostolic letter the Pope recalls how St Francis de Sales was able to help people seek God in charity, joy and freedom in an era of great changes. The Pope highlights that the great vocation of St Francis de Sales, who was born in the castle of Sales, in Savoy, on 21 August 1567, and died in Lyon on 28 December 1622, was that of asking himself "in every situation in life where the greatest love is to be found."

It is, therefore, not surprising, notes Pope Francis, that Pope St. John Paul II called him a "Doctor of Divine Love," not only for having written "a weighty Treatise on that subject, but first and foremost because he was an outstanding witness to that love".

This quote summarises well his witness and personality; "What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."

Our patron saint was well known for his great love and patience with people and himself. He set on a mission to convert 60,000 Calvinists back to Catholicism in his home district of Chablais. However, no one would listen to him, no one would even open their door because they were afraid of him. His cousin who was his only companion in the mission left him alone, but Francis did not give up, his unusual patience kept him working. He wrote out his sermons, copied them by hand, and slipped them under the doors. As a result, it is said, that when he left to go home, he converted around 40.000 people back to the Catholic Church. This caring and patient pastoral touch of our saintly patron has been present in the ministers and people of our Church in Tottenham since its beginnings from 1793, when French émigrés under Father, later Cardinal, Cheverus opened a chapel in Queen Street in 1793, thereby starting the revival of Roman Catholic worship on the northern fringe of London. Later, on 19th June 1895 Cardinal Vaughan laid the foundation stone of St Francis de Sales Church in its current location. Coincidentally ten days later, on the 29th June, the Cardinal laid the first stone of Westminster Cathedral.

Next year 2025 is the Jubilee year. We shall celebrate in special manner our patronal feast and on 19th June we shall celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of our church. with joy and gratitude our Patronal Feast, celebrating the love we have experienced throughout the many years of existence of our parish community which, has been blessed by the generosity and love of so many people and ministers who have built up this parish community with a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience.

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 repose soul of **Albert Ojinnaka**.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am People of the Parish, Mary Barbie RIP **11am** All Sick Children and Sick People, Thanksgiving for All Priests **Monday 10am** Anne Gallagher ANNIV, Elizabeth Agpoware RIP **Tuesday 10am** Patrick Healy ANNIV, Rosina Bannon RIP **Wednesday No Mass Thursday 10am** Remy & Olivia Louise Thanksgiving, Theresa Ojinnaka ANNIV **Friday 12pm** Adonai Haile Funeral Mass **4pm** Virginia Okeneme Requiem Mass **7pm** Chioma Duru and Family Thanksgiving, Gabriel and Grace Duru RIP **Saturday 10am** Frances O'Leary INT, Ann Dunleavy RIP **7pm** Liliana Kaminska RIP, Elisabeth Donkoh 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

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@sfd.s.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 £345.23 Envelopes £388.20 Christmas Env £45 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 £33,957.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.