

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism of Infants Course will be 24th February 2024 at 12pm in the church. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024:

FHC Parents meeting: Parents meeting on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 6pm to 7pm in Church.

FHC CHILDREN'S MEETINGS:

GROUP 1: Friday 23rd February 2024 at 5.30pm-6.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

GROUP 2: Saturday 24th February 2024 at 12noon-1pm; in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION – Next session is on Monday 19th February 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 23rd February 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – Today Sunday 18th February 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:

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, Gadje 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, Florence Ponton, Theresa Iechie 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: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9; 1Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR B 18/02/2024

Let us enter into the desert with Jesus Christ

We have started the holy season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday by receiving the ashes on our heads as the sign of our human frailty and the call to conversion towards God. As every year on this First Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to unite ourselves to the mystery of Jesus who is led into the desert (CCC 540), to be tempted by Satan (*the Accuser*) who tries to compromise his filial love for God and divert him from his mission to save us all by his passion and death on the cross, as it was the will of God the Father who sent him (cf. Jn 6:38). The temptation of Jesus in the desert for forty days and forty nights, is a recapitulation of Israel's temptations in the desert, where they wandered for forty years. Where Israel failed to obey God, Jesus has triumphed through humble obedience to the will of the Father. Israel's disobedience also echoes that of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. The imagery of the wild beasts in the desert also echoes that of the serpent in the garden of Eden. 'Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father' (CCC 539). As we enter the mystery of the spiritual desert for the next forty days and nights, we get ready to face a spiritual battle against the temptations from the enemy, not on our own but with Jesus Christ's grace. Many of us has already been experiencing the desert in many ways! Many have experienced and are experiencing the feeling of abandonment from God in their struggles with accumulated debts, broken relationships and illnesses, perhaps some are dealing with mental and physical illness or being stuck in depression and bereaving loved ones. Let us remember that the Lord Jesus has already overcome the temptation to renounce to faith and believe that there is no God, as if our Father were absent from our lives. The evil one, will always tried to convince us of this lie. However, we believe that our God is near us and walks with us. Jesus knows well our weaknesses and frailty, as the letter to the Hebrews says, "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." (Hb 4:15). It is greatly comforting to read in today's gospel that the angels were ministering Jesus in the desert. The Lord has and will send angels to help us out, in our struggles in our desert, that person who calls, that neighbour who helps to get food, that person who is ready to listen and give support, that person who is kind and is ready to seek help on my behalf. We are surrounded by angels! You are one! We live in hope and faith waiting for the Lord, to show his loving kindness and faithfulness in the desert, to make us pass-over from our sufferings to rest in him in the promise land, that is, heaven.

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 **Moira Terrill**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Peggy Taylor RIP **11am** Nana Akwasi Prempeh RIP, May Chigbo RIP **Monday 10am** Roderick Holleran RIP **Tuesday 10am** Lindsay Louise Thanksgiving, Dolores Salami RIP **Wednesday 10am No Mass Thursday 10am** Stefan Flak & Deceased Family Members RIP, Albert Flak Thanksgiving **Friday 7pm** Gerald and Mary Derham ANNIV; Marie Florence Ponton Funeral Mass at 1pm **Saturday 10am** Scarlette Yeboa RIP, Edison Victor RIP **7pm** Dorothy Bridger RIP.

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS DURING LENT 2024

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** on Tuesdays after 10am Mass and Fridays after 7pm Mass. Please bring your booklets of the Stations of the Cross by St Alphonsus Liguori.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6pm and Saturdays 10.30am -11.15am.

Confessions on Fridays at 6.10pm to 6.45pm and Saturdays at 10.30am to 11.15am and 6pm.

A message from our Seminarian, Emmet O'Leary:

I will be away this Sunday and next, first for a Lent retreat here at Allen Hall and then visiting St Patrick's National Seminary in Maynooth, Ireland. Please pray for me as I will for you. I very much look forward to seeing you all on the weekend of Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of March.

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST THROUGH THE BIBLE SESSIONS DURING LENT

We invite you to make a Biblical journey walk through Christ's Passion using the Book "No Greater Love" by Edwar Sri. The sessions will take place on Thursdays of Lent at 7pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road. Please bring your Bible. Let us know if you are able to come by contacting e parish office or email: tottenham@rcdow.org.uk

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday 17th TOT-WOL15.00

Road restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link

<https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/the-stadium/local/>

LEGION OF MARY PRESIDUM - 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 readings, 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 on 020 8808 3554 or email tottenham@rcdow.org.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 £346.17 Envelopes £346.50 Standing Orders (December) £3,146.80 Contactless (December) £72

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 £33,987.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.