

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism of Infants Course will be 23rd March 2024 at 12pm in the Parish Hall, on Brereton Road. 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 8th March 2024 at 5.30pm-6.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

GROUP 2: Saturday 9th March 2024 at 12noon-1pm; in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION – Next session is on Monday 26th February 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 1st March 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – Today Sunday 25th 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 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, May Chigboh, Florence Ponton, Theresa Ilechie 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 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Psalm 115(116):10,15,-19; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT YEAR B 25/02/2024

The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Church through this Sunday's readings invites us to come to the high mountain to meet the Lord with Peter, James and John and contemplate the Lord's transfiguration. The word "Transfiguration" in Greek, "*Metamorphosis*" means a change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state. For us Christians, the Transfiguration of the Lord means, the transformation of our lives in Jesus Christ by his death and Resurrection which we received by virtue of our baptism, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says "...On the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God" (CCC 556). This time of Lent, the Church invites us to recall the gift of our baptism in Jesus Christ and climb into the mountain with the apostles Peter, James and John to enter into the cloud, which means the presence of God, as it was the encounter of Moses in mount Sinai. There the Lord spoke to Moses face to face (Exodus 19-20) and gave him the Ten Commandments for Israel to live their new life in the Lord. Similarly, the Lord spoke to Elijah on a mountain (cf. 1 Kings 19:11-18) in moments of trial and persecution, when he was exhausted and wanted for being prophet of the Lord. We enter into the cloud of the presence of the Lord to listen to his "Word" that is, Jesus our Lord. We do this by following the voice of the Lord that says, 'This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him.' So, let us get away from all distractions the world offers us, and enter into the presence of the Lord in prayer, with attentive ears and hearts ready to listen and willing to do the will of God. Let us enter into this time of purification, from all our vices and toxic habits that prevent us entering into a loving relationship with God and neighbour. Come before the presence of the Lord carrying all your burdens and anxieties and rest in him, here on the mountain of the Lord, that is the Church. Let us come to his presence fixing our eyes on the Lord's Transfiguration that remind us of the victory of the Lord over death by his Resurrection. Let us keep the image of the transfigured Lord, that gives us hope and encourages us to let the Holy Spirit work, transform and renew our lives, so that we may be able to irradiate the love and mercy of our God to all who are around us.

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 soul of **James Shine**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9am Scarlette Yeboa RIP, Antonia Fernandes RIP **11am** Michael B. Kebbie ANNIV RIP **Monday 10am** Scarlette Yeboa RIP, Daniel Fitzgerald ANNIV **Tuesday 10am** Scarlette Yeboa RIP, Michael & Larance O'Reilly ANNIV **Wednesday 10am No Mass Thursday 10am** Michael & Larance O'Reilly ANNIV, Scarlette Yeboa RIP, **Friday 7pm** Chioma Duru & Family Thanksgiving, Gabriel & Grace Duru RIP **Saturday 10am** Private INT **7pm** Patrick Molloy 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 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 Edward 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 MARCH 2024

Saturday 2nd at 15.00 and Saturday 30th March at 15.00.

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

<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 £332.53 Envelopes £232.60 Standing Orders (January) £4,253.83 Contactless (January) £133.99

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 £34,032.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.