

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 4th March 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 8th March 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – Today Sunday 3rd March 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, 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: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18:8-11; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR B 03/03/2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Third Sunday of Lent the Gospel — in St John's version — refers to the famous episode of Jesus who drives the animal dealers and the money-changers out of the Temple of Jerusalem (cf. Jn 2:13-25). The event, recorded by all the Evangelists, happened in the Passover Feast and made a deep impression on both the crowd and the disciples. How should we interpret Jesus' action?

First of all, it should be noted that it did not provoke any repression from the keepers of public order because it was seen as a typical prophetic action: indeed, in God's name prophets often reported abuse and sometimes did so with symbolic gestures. The problem, if there was one, concerned their authority. For this reason the Jews asked Jesus: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" (Jn 2:18), show us that you are truly acting in God's name.

The expulsion of the dealers from the Temple has also been interpreted in a political and revolutionary sense, placing Jesus on a par with the zealots' movement. The zealots were, precisely, "zealous" for God's law and prepared to use violence to enforce respect for it. In Jesus' day they were awaiting a Messiah who would free Israel from Roman domination. But Jesus did not fulfil this expectation, so much so that some disciples abandoned him and Judas Iscariot even betrayed him.

In fact, it is impossible to interpret Jesus as violent: violence is contrary to the Kingdom of God, it is a tool of the antichrist. Violence is never useful to humanity but dehumanizes it.

Let us, therefore, listen to the words that Jesus spoke while he was carrying out this action. "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade". And the disciples then remembered that in a Psalm is written: "zeal for your house has consumed me" (69[68]:10). This Psalm is a call for help in a situation of extreme danger, because of the hatred of enemies: the plight that Jesus was to live through in his Passion. Zeal for the Father and for his house was to bring him to the cross: his was the zeal of love that pays in person, not the zeal that would like to serve God through violence.

In fact the "sign" that Jesus was to give as proof of his authority would be his very death and Resurrection. "Destroy this temple", he said, "and in three days I will raise it up". And St John recorded: "he spoke of the temple of his body" (Jn 2:20-21). With the Pasch of Jesus a new form of worship begins, the cult of love, and a new temple which is he himself, the Risen Christ, through whom every believer can worship God "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23).

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit began to build this new temple in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

Let us pray through his intercession that every Christian may become a living stone of this spiritual building.

BENEDICT XVI, ANGELUS, St. Peter's Square Sunday, 11 March 2012

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 Elizabeth Neary RIP **11am** Jane Baidoo ANNIV, Marie Bonner RIP **Monday 10am** Theresa Ilechie RIP & All Departed Ilechie Family Members, Isabel Bojeca & Antonio D'Silva RIP **Tuesday 10am** Theresa Ilechie RIP & All Departed Ilechie Family Members **Wednesday 10am No Mass Thursday 10am** Simon Coutinho RIP **Friday 7pm** James Shine RIP **Saturday 10am** Hannah Shine INT **7pm** People of the Parish.

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.

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

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give to your parish clergy or email tottenham@rcdow.org.uk the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR MARCH 2024

Saturday 2nd at 15.00, Saturday 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 PRESIDIUUM - 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 £365.98 Envelopes £234.60 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 £34,057.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.