

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism of Infants Course will be 23rd March 2024 at 12pm in the Parish Hall, (**walk to the first floor**) on Brereton Road. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024:

FHC CHILDREN'S MEETINGS:

GROUP 1: Friday 22nd March 2024 at 5.30pm-6.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

GROUP 2: Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 11.30am-12.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION – Next session is on Monday 11th March 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.

RCIA - Friday 15th March 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

RCIC – Today Sunday 10th March 2024 with Mass at 11am, followed by a session upstairs in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road.

RCIC & RCIA – Next Saturday 16th March, 7pm Mass – 3rd Scrutiny. Attend Mass with Sponsor/Godparent.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE on Friday 29th March from 11am – 12noon in Church. All Confirmation, First Holy Communion & RCIC Children must attend with their Parents.

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:

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 Otu Achampong, Lucas DaSivla, Jean Mae Marlow, Francis Onyearuqbulem Lucy Dawson, Christopher Nwankwo, Malika Sauvimootu, Leonard Cotter, May Chigboh, Florence Ponton, Theresa Ilechie, Gerald O'Grady, Marcella Tambro 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: 1Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Psalm 136(137):1-7; Ephesians 2:4-17; John 3:14-21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT YEAR B 10/03/2024

LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy. As on *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings help us to reflect on the reason for our joy which is the celebration of God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ, who died on the cross and rose from the dead for love for you, me and all men and women.

Do you have a cross at home? Is it placed on a prominent spot in your house? What do you see and think of it whenever you turn your eyes to the that cross?

The early Church Christians bear witness to what they thought and believed when they contemplated the cross of Christ when they said, "*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word*" (Heb 1:3).

John 3:16 is probably the best loved verse in the Bible and it has been called "Gospel of the Gospels." "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*" This is the summary of the Gospel message of salvation through Christ Jesus. This text is the very essence of the Gospel which is echo in St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. (2:4-7). For some people, these words might be meaningless as they do not see the love of God on the crucified Christ, because their eyes cannot see it with faith and have no knowledge of the profound dimension of God's love in it. But for us Christians when we contemplate the cross of Christ, at home, in church and in our devotions like the Way of Cross, or the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, we are moved by Jesus' passion and death and see on it the gratuitous love of God for each one of us and for those who do not believe in him. Today let us place ourselves before the Cross of Christ, who as the Gospel says, he will be lifted up as Moses has lifted up the bronze serpent in the desert, so that everyone who looks up the crucified Christ may be healed, forgiven and receive the life of God, life eternal. Let us rejoice today and celebrate the "Eucharist" with gratitude to the Lord and for all mothers on their feast day. God bless you all.

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 Ayres Vera Cruz RIP, Nascimento Bruzaca RIP **11am** Althia Hilton RIP, Stella O'Reilly RIP **Monday 10am** Mariano & Faustina Pestejo RIP, Itohan Irhahon RIP

Tuesday 10am Nasso Gabriella INT, Stefan Flak RIP & Deceased Family Members

Wednesday 10am No Mass Thursday 10am Espiridion Trafalgar ANNIV, Albert Flak INT

Friday 7pm Poh Kuan ANNIV **Saturday 10am** John Ryall RIP **7pm** Peter Casey ANNIV

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 your parish clergy 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 23rd March at 15.00 (Rugby) and Saturday 30th March at 15.00. (Match)

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 £539.86 Envelopes £302.20 Standing Orders (February) £3,048.50 Contactless (February) £225

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 £34,282.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.