

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism of Infants Course will be 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at 12pm in the Parish Hall, **1st floor**, on Brereton Road. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

### FHC CHILDREN'S MEETINGS:

**GROUP 1:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at 5.30pm-6.30pm; in the Parish Hall.

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

**CONFIRMATION** – On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**RCIA** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 with Mass at 7pm, followed by a session in the Presbytery.

**RCIC** – Today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 with Mass at 11am, followed by a session upstairs in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road.

**RCIC & RCIA** – Next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7pm Mass – Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Attend Mass with Sponsor/Godparent.

**RCIC & RCIA** – Next Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 12noon in Church: **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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, Edward Bicar 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15  
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR B 17/03/2024

### “We Wish to See Jesus”

Responding indirectly, in a prophetic way, to that request to be able to see Him, Jesus pronounces a prophecy that reveals his identity and shows the path to know Him truly: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (Jn 12:23) It is *the hour of the Cross!* It is the time for the defeat of Satan, prince of evil, and of the definitive triumph of the merciful love of God. Christ declares that He will be “lifted up from the earth” (v. 32), an expression with a twofold meaning: “lifted” because He is crucified, and “lifted” because He is exalted by the Father in the Resurrection, to draw everyone to Him and to reconcile mankind with God and among themselves. The hour of the Cross, the darkest in history, is also the source of salvation for those who believe in Him. Continuing in his prophecy of the imminent Passover, Jesus uses a simple and suggestive image, that of the “*grain of wheat*” that, once fallen into the earth, dies in order to bear fruit (cf. v. 24). In this image we find another aspect of the Cross of Christ: that of *fruitfulness*. The death of Jesus, in fact, is an inexhaustible source of new life, because it carries within itself the regenerative strength of God's love. Immersed in this love through Baptism, Christians can become “grains of wheat” and bear much fruit if they, like Jesus, “lose their life” out of love for God and brothers and sisters (cf. v. 25). For this reason, to those who, today too, “wish to see Jesus”, to those who are searching for the face of God; to those who received catechesis when they were little and then developed it no further and perhaps have lost their faith; to so many who have not yet encountered Jesus personally...; to all these people we can offer three things: *the Gospel, the Crucifix and the witness* of our faith, poor but sincere. The Gospel: there we can encounter Jesus, listen to Him, know Him. The Crucifix: the sign of the love of Jesus who gave Himself for us. And then a faith that is expressed in simple gestures of fraternal charity. But mainly in the coherence of life, between what we say and what we do. Coherence between our faith and our life, between our words and our actions: Gospel, Crucifix, Witness.

Pope Francis on 22 March 2015 | *Saint Peter's Square*

## 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 **Mary Kelly**

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the intentions of **Anabela Rodrigues**.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** People of the Parish, Betty Maguire RIP **11am** Remy & Roseline Odoeme Thanksgiving, Odoeme's Family Thanksgiving **Monday 10am** Marie Lamonthe RIP, Margaret Michael RIP **Tuesday 10am** Marian Victor RIP, Leon & Louise Dorval RIP **Wednesday 10am No Mass** **Thursday 10am** Sr Sylvia McCarthy ANNIV, Sr Silvia McCarthy ANNIV **12pm** Gerald O'Grady Funeral Mass **Friday 7pm** Jim Nadal RIP, Porferio Nacua ANNIV **Saturday 10am** Josephine & Joan Marie RIP, Peter Fee RIP **7pm** Lucy Tousaint 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.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 15.00 (Rugby) and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tottenham@rcdow.org.uk) .

### PLANNED-GIVING BOXES 2024-2025

The Planned Giving Boxes will be ready for collection after Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Please meet one of our parish finance committee members in the presbytery after Sunday Mass but our first preference is during weekdays from the Parish Office from 9am to 1pm or by appointment. If collection during weekdays it can be from 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### 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](mailto: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 £825.62 Envelopes £254.96 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, 292.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.