

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism of Infants Course will take place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon** in church. please contact the Parish Office to book a place and collect a baptismal form.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024:

**FHC Childrens Meeting: Both Groups 1 and 2 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 11.30am – 12.30pm; Parish Hall.**

**ALL FHC CHILDREN – CHILDRENS' LITURGY MASS - This Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12:30pm in Church. FHC PARENTS & FAMILIES to attend.**

**ALL FHC & RCIC – BRING & SHARE PARTY on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 12noon – 3pm in the Parish Hall.**

**RCIC – Today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 with Mass at 11am, followed by a session upstairs in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road.**

**CONFIRMATION – Next session is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 6pm prompt – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All Candidates to bring their Bibles.**

**CONFIRMATION MASS – SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 2.30PM PROMPT.**

### 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, Lawrence Henry, Agnes Otuo 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, Aliko Mamwa (Alex), Margaret Fitzgerald 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: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117: 1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29; 1John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER 21/04/2024 YEAR B

### “An undivided heart” – The Love of God and the Love of a Priest

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today we fulfil Jesus' instruction to “pray the Lord of the harvest to send Labourers into his harvest”, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

“Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us”, St John writes. Often in our church I find my eyes drawn to the beautiful crucifix above the Altar. Is not the Cross the ultimate expression of the love which God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has for humanity – for you and me, His creatures? God loves us so much that He enters into the pain and suffering of this broken world, to redeem us. The reality and power of the Cross is made present each and every time a priest celebrates Holy Mass.

The love of Christ in offering Himself on the Cross is the love of the Good Shepherd: “the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep”. For priests, ordinary men entrusted with the extraordinary responsibility of serving as shepherds of God's people, Christ, the Eternal High Priest, is their model. A call to priesthood is a call to love radically, sacrificially and without holding anything back. People often ask me why it is that our priests remain celibate, and there are many worthy practical reasons: refraining from marriage certainly frees a priest up in practical terms for the service of God's people. But I find more captivating and more convincing the amazing spiritual vision of the priesthood as total self-gift. As spouses offer their total and lifelong loving commitment to one another, so the priest gives his heart entirely to Christ and for the service of his Church, holding nothing back. Like marriage, such self-giving love does not come without sacrifice, and there will be trials along the way. But Jesus promises us, there is no-one who has left the comforts of home who will not be rewarded a hundred times over now and in eternity. Brothers and sisters, the priesthood is an amazing life. Pray for priests, pray that more men will answer the call to this sacred ministry, and please encourage anyone you know who might be considering this life: it is so full of joy in the Lord Jesus, and in serving you, His holy people.

**Emmet O'Leary - Seminarian, Allen Hall  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle**

## Sunday at St Francis De Sales Church

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (Red) is offered for the repose soul of **Albert Ojinnaka**.

This week's Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose soul of **Theresa Ojinnaka**.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9am** Agnese Tiotti RIP, Candida Guideci RIP **11am** Mary Obeng Thanksgiving, Sr Reparata Fitzsimmons ANNIV **Monday 10am** John & Bridget O'reilly ANNIV, Albert Ojinnaka RIP **Tuesday 10am** Mary Murray & Margaret Frazier, Anthony Rebello RIP **Wednesday 10am No Mass Thursday 10am** Comfort Oparah RIP, Janet Rapoz Teixeira ANNIV **Friday 7pm** Scarlette Yeboa RIP **Saturday 10am** Mallika Saverimuthu RIP, John O'Connor **7pm** Itohan Irhahon RIP, Rene Petrouse ANNIV

### PARISH NEWS

#### PRIEST TRAINING FUND 2024

This weekend our second collection will be in support of the Priest Training Fund, which benefits the parishes and the Diocese of Westminster by providing us with new priests. The formation of our priests is of top priority – it is our future. The Priest Training Fund pays for the training and education of seminarians at our seminary, Allen Hall. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. It costs on average £25,000 per man, per year of formation – that is about £150,000 to form and educate a new priest, who makes a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church. The Priest Training Fund also pays for the ongoing education and formation of our priests' post-ordination. Priests are the heart of the Catholic Church. So, I ask you to please be generous in your support of this appeal and to continue to pray for vocations and our seminarians. Donation envelopes are available today – you can use this envelope to make a one-off donation or to set up a regular donation to the Priest Training Fund. If you can Gift Aid, please don't forget to tick it off.

#### PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES BOXES 2024-2025

The Planned Giving Boxes are ready for collection from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. 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.

#### 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).

#### BINGO AND RAFFLE MEETINGS

Every Friday at 2pm in the Parish Hall on Brereton Road. All are welcome.

## SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR APRIL 2024

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.

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 of Mary is holding its annual Acies today Sunday 21st April 2024 at 2pm at St Edmund's Catholic Church, 115 Hertford Rd, Edmonton, N9 7EN. All members (active & auxiliary) must endeavour to attend"

### 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 Easter Loose £100 Easter Envelopes £95 Loose £655.80 Envelopes £316.20 Standing Orders (March) £2,924 Contactless (March) £215 Holy Places £910.24

**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 £34,547.08. Thank you very much for your generosity.