

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism of Infants Course will take place on **Saturday 1st June at 12noon** in church. please contact the Parish Office to book a place and collect a baptismal form.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024:

Congratulations to all our children who have made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

FHC THANKSGIVING MASS AND CERTIFICATES.

Saturday 18th May at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION RECONCILIATIONS on

Monday 13th May at 6pm to 7.30pm

CONFIRMATION MASS – SUNDAY 26TH MAY AT 2.30PM PROMPT.

RCIC – Today Sunday 5th May 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:

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 Onyearubulem Lucy Dawson, Christopher Nwankwo, Malika Sauvimootu, Leonard Cotter, May Chigboh, Florence Ponton, Theresa Ilechie, Gerald O'Grady, Marcella Tambro Edward Bicar, Alex Mamwa, 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 97: 1-4;
1John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
05/05/2024 YEAR B

The language of love

Pope Benedict XVI wrote his first Encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), about Divine Love. In the first chapter he wrote: 'God's love for us is fundamental for our lives, and it raises important questions about who God is and who we are. In considering this, we immediately find ourselves hampered by a problem of language. Today, the term "love" has become one of the most frequently used and misused of words, a word to which we attach quite different meanings. Let us first of all bring to mind the vast semantic range of the word "love": we speak of love of country, love of one's profession, love between friends, love of work, love between parents and children, love between family members, love of neighbour and love of God.' Then the Pope emphasizes that there is one type of love that stands out more than others, that is the love between man and woman. He explains that there are different meanings of the use of the term "love." The first type of love that the Holy Father defines is "eros" which is merely enjoying material things and bodily pleasure. The second term is type of love is "philia," which is the love of friends, which in scripture often refers to the love between Christ and His apostles. The third is the type of love called "agape" which is concerned for the care of the other and willing to sacrifice. He explains: *Love is indeed "ecstasy", not in the sense of a moment of intoxication, but rather as a journey, an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God: "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it" (Lk 17:33)* The latter is the love that the Lord Jesus has revealed to us by his self-giving and self-sacrifice for us all. Jesus has revealed the love of the Father and the Holy Spirit which the first letter of St John says: 'God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him, this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.' (1Jn 4:9-10). Jesus Christ is the Word of God and the total expression of his love for us all. Love is the language of God who is not a concept or term but its an action. He himself comes down to us and shares in our humanity, in our sufferings and even our death, to raises us up and share in his divinity. This action speaks volumes of who He is, he is LOVE itself says St John (1Jn 4:8). Jesus Christ has revealed to us who we are, our identity has been revealed and that is, that we are God's children created in love and our vocation is to love in the same way as Christ has commanded his disciples: 'love one another as I have loved you.' Jesus Christ has enabled us to love with this "agape" love that can be totally integrated and balanced with our human love "eros". Now we can speak the language of God by loving each other as Jesus Christ has loved 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 Angela Alexander Thanksgiving, Bernadette Okafor RIP **11am** Fr Andre Avrillon RIP, Onyearubulem Family RIP **Monday 10am** Charlotte Ahmed Thanksgiving, Tom Kelly INT **Tuesday 10am** Sr Jerome Fitzgerald RIP, Jim Currall RIP **Wednesday 10am No Mass. Thursday 10am** Colin Jemide Special INT, **7pm** Joshua Shalo Thanksgiving **Friday 7pm** Chioma Duru Thanksgiving, Anna Vaccariello RIP **Saturday 10am** Lilly Sheriff RIP **7pm** Henry Galea ANNIV, John O'Connor RIP

PARISH NEWS

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 09/05/24

As this Solemnity is a day of obligation, Masses will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm on this Thursday 9th May.

PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION BRING&SHARE 2024

We would like to celebrate this year's Pentecost with a Bring & Share reception in the Parish Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass on 19th May. Please bring your national dish to share with the community. Please let us know the dish you would be bringing to the party by writing on the sheets made available at the back of the church. Please dress in your national garments if you can. Let us celebrate the riches of our cultures and nationalities of our community in our birthday as the Church.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES BOXES 2024-2025

The Planned Giving Boxes 2024 are ready for collection. Please contact the Parish Office to collect them from 9am to 1pm or by appointment. 02088083554.

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).

ST FRANCIS DE SALES NURSERY - ADMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Children born between 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021 - to apply for a nursery place for your child in September, please collect an admission pack from the school office.

You may also download the pack from the school website: www.sfds.haringey.sch.uk

BINGO AND RAFFLE MEETING AT ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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

SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR MAY 2024

Saturday 11th May TOT-BUN at 15.00; Tuesday 14th May TOT-MC at 20.00; Saturday 18th May Womens Match TOT-WHU at 15.00; Friday 24th May RUGBY, ECPR CHALLENGE CUP FINAL at 20.00, Saturday 25th CHAMPIONS CUP FINAL May at 14.45. Road restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link below.

<https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/the-stadium/local/>

INVITATION TO A PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX

'Pilgrimage to Lisieux. 6th-13th June 2024. St Anselm and St Caecilia's, Kingsway. For further details please email Stephen Osborne. On sta.osborne@gmail.com or call 07870769631. Please see poster at the back of the Church. Please note the coach leaves from outside St Francis de Sales Church.'

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 Loose Plate £1130.63 Envelopes £598.90 Priest Training Fund £1128.16

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 £34,727.58. Thank you very much for your generosity.