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**READINGS Isaiah 55:1-3, 7-12; Ps 145 (144):8-9. 15-16
17-18 R cf.16; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21**

**18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 02/08/2026**

Give the people something to eat yourselves

This miracle story of the feeding of the multitude in Matthew 14 is the only one of Jesus' miracles that is recounted in all four gospels. It appears in Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, and John 6:1-14. The fourfold repetition of this story is a clue that it represents a memory near and dear to the heart of the early church.

Matthew's account has the disciples respond in a matter of fact way to Jesus' command to them to give the people something to eat. The accounts of this story in Mk, Luke, and John, emphasize, in varying ways, the sarcastic scepticism of the disciples (Mark 6:37, Luke 9:13, John 6:7).

In Matthew, they simply report that "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." (Mt 14:17) To which Jesus responds, "Bring them here to me." In John, Jesus himself distributes the food. But in Matthew, the picture seems to be of the disciples themselves moving through the crowds, distributing them to the people.

As we stand in the shoes of the disciples in Matthew's account, we hear the command from the Lord, 'bring the little you have, and you will see how I will multiply it.' We are to offer our limited resources to him to bless and multiply, and take responsibility, not to hoard them for ourselves, but to distribute them to others. The resources could be money and possessions, but they also include time, energy, innate abilities and acquired skills. But the greatest gifts of our faith are the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which is our heavenly food, whereby the Lord give us life and strength for our journey. This is a gift to be shared with the brothers and sisters and not to be kept for ourselves.

This Sunday gospel prompts us to come out of our comfort zone and go out of ourselves bringing the food we have received and nourish the faith of those who are hungry for God. It invites us to be grateful for what we have received from the Lord and to put it at the service of our needy community and the world. It calls us to come to the table of the Lord (*The Eucharist*) to receive gratuitously from the abundance of the Lord (Isaiah 55:1-3) and to share generously and gratuitously the little we have. Bring the little you have, and the Lord will bless it and multiply it, so that you can give to the others from the abundance of the Lord.

Fr David

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SANCTUARY LAMPS

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (Red) is offered for the repose of the soul of **Andrew Salami**.

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose of the souls of **Dolores Salami**.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Olga Britto RIP, Albert Alexander RIP **11am** Marcelle Jemide Thanksgiving, Nkechi Anyanwu Thanksgiving **2pm** Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass **MONDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Mary Calvary RIP **TUESDAY 10am** Godson Anyadi Thanksgiving, Ruth Constantine Special INT **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Raymond Morgan RIP, John Moyles RIP **FRIDAY 7pm** Sabina Gomes ANNIV, Bernadette Okafor RIP **SATURDAY 10am** Riley Family INT, Mary Nakayiza Thanksgiving (**vigil**) **7.00pm** Tara Tomeo RIP, Milagros Adan RIP **SUNDAY 9am** Patrick Marie Thanksgiving, Bernadette Okafor RIP **11am** People of the Parish, Steeves Louise Thanksgiving

PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) 2026-2027: The enrolment of children, young people and adults for Baptism, First Holy Communion (FHC), Confirmation and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Sacramental programmes is now available online on the Parish website; until Sunday 13th September 2026. To enrol your child, please scan the QR code at the back of this newsletter or on the Parish Notice Boards at the back/entrance of the Church; or visit our Parish Website - <https://stfrancisdesaleschurch.co.uk/>; scroll down to Sacraments and click on the corresponding forms link. For FHC – please provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate; For Confirmation – please provide a copy of your child's Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. For further information, please contact the Parish Catechetical Coordinator – Marcelle Jemide on tottenhamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

HOSPITALITY TEAM – AUGUST BREAK:

Please note that the Hospitality Team is now on their annual break for the month of August. This means there will be no tea and coffee sessions from Sunday 2nd August to Sunday 30th August. We will resume on Sunday 6th September. We thank you for your understanding and continued support. God bless you always.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

A Private Members' Bill has been reintroduced to parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide - the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. There will be a crucial vote on Friday, 11 September. Please contact your MP to make your voice heard to oppose this Bill. Please visit:

[Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) or scan the QR code from the poster at the back of the church. Thank you

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Creating a safe environment is everyone's responsibility within our Parish community. It involves everyone, in promoting a safer environment and culture. Everyone has a role to play in safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you have any safeguarding concern, please contact the PSR Victoria Gowdie at tottenhamsq2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk or leave a message on the Parish Phone 02088083554.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED:

We are seeking dedicated and faith-filled people to join our Parish Team of Catechists, supporting sacramental preparation: Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA : RCIC – in helping to form and guide our children, young people and adults on their journey faith and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all in our care. All Catechists must agree to undergo a DBS check and complete safeguarding training as required by the Diocese of Westminster. If you are interested, please complete this form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/B9QuEewdej> Or scan the QR Code.



SCHEDULED EVENTS AT SPURS STADIUM FOR AUGUST 2026

Football: Saturday 15th and 29th August. Parking restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link below:

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

THE SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend 8th and 9th August, we will have an appeal from the Spiritans Fathers. We will have the visit of Fr Geoffrey who will celebrate the Masses and make the appeal.

MASS INTENTIONS 🙏 You can request a Mass for a loved one, thanksgiving, special occasion, or private intention. Intentions are published in the Parish Newsletter and announced at Mass. Use a Mass Offering envelope (available at the back of the church) and give it to the clergy or drop it in the parish office. The Archbishop of Westminster has suggested a donation of £10 per Mass (Gift Aid if possible).

NURSERY & RECEPTION ADMISSION TO ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL

Currently accepting Nursery and Reception applications for September 2026 and beyond. We also have some availability in other year groups across the school.

Call us on 020 8808 2923 or e-mail office@sfdsharingey.sch.uk to arrange a visit - we look forward to welcoming you!

PARISH FINANCES

Supporting Your Parish & Donations 🏡

The best way to help us is by **setting up a Bank Standing Order** (details below).

We aim to **reduce cash use** due to extra costs. Instead, please donate by:

- 💳 **Card:** Tap contactless machines as you leave church
- 🌐 **Online:** <https://stfrancisdesaleschurch.co.uk/donate>
- 📱 **Scan to Donate:** using the QR Code
- 🏦 **Bank Transfer:** WRCDT Tottenham | Sort Code: 40-05-20 | Acc: 71264397
- 🙏 Please consider **Gift Aid** to add 25p per £1 donated.



Donations Last Week:

- 💰 **Loose Plate:** £448 📁 **Envelopes:** 99
- 🏦 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £335.50 📱 **Contactless:** £133

Gift Aid & Building Fund Update

- ☑ **Gift Aid Donors:** Thank you! We received an extra £8,649.14 for 2024-25 at no cost to you.
- ☑ **GASDS:** Additional £2,000 claimed on loose plate donations.

🏡 **St Francis de Sales Building Fund:** Total raised £50,390.67 (includes £1,519.26 Gift Aid refund).

Thank you for your generosity!

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE: The next Baptism Preparation Course for parents intending to baptise infants will be on **Saturday 26th September 2026 at 12noon in church.** If you are intending to baptise your child, please send an email to the Parish Office with your details.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Applications for the 2026-2027 Sacramental programmes: First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are now available online on the **Parish Website** <https://stfrancisdesaleschurch.co.uk/> If interested, scan the QR Codes below or on the Notice Boards at the back/entrance of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-2027:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bxA1QcsJzt>



CONFIRMATION 2026-2027:

<https://forms.office.com/e/d7wFan4YK8>



Deadline for submission of completed

application form is Sunday 13th September 2026. Once the maximum number is reached, no further registrations will be accepted. Therefore, early submission is strongly advised.

ADULTS' CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROGRAMME - RCIA 2026-2027. If interested use this link <https://forms.office.com/e/q7xiasFTcB> or scan QR code.



FUNERALS For funeral arrangements, please contact the parish office and provide us with the name of your loved one so that we can pray for his/her soul. Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

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.

Congratulations to Brian and Geraldine on their wedding last Tuesday 28th July.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

After Mass at 10.30am to 11.15am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after Mass at 10.30am to 11.15am
Saturday Afternoon 6pm to 6.45pm

Please pray for our beloved departed parishioners

Benjamin Katty, Antonia Orji, Mary Gallagher, Matilda Adams, Bridget Okpechi, Dorathy Egbuka, Antonio Mascarenhas, Mary O'Connor, Victoria Emelieze, Christopher Beaumont, Ajay Patel, Andrew Gallagher, Silvia Patricia Bohorquez, Gerald Emmanuel, Filomena Cuenco, Mary Hanley, Clifton Toal, Olga Britto, Daiane Cavalcante Clemente, Albert Alexander, Mary Healy, Lloyd Wayne Anderson, Virginia Ahaneku, Leana Mugisha, Patrick Bernard Ring, Theresa Valentine, Martin Rebello, Anne McDonagh, Gerry Walsh, Mary Carmel Fitzgerald, Jeanne Paternott, Raisa Todorenko, Nora Maughan, Ellen McDonagh, Denise Warne, Fr Colin Patrick McLean, Cecelia Mitchell, Bernadette Ahunna Okafor, Devandra Permolloo, John Adumatta-Sampaney, Carol Ann Holleran, Helena Dlugosz, Augustus Edwards, Cynthia Murray, Fr Michael English, Anita Armstrong, Francesca India, John Moyles and all our beloved departed who have fallen asleep in Christ.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen