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READINGS 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12; Ps 119 (118): 57, 72. 76-77 127-128.129-130 R97a; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 26/07/2026
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‘Ask what I shall give you’?

This is the question the Lord asked young King Solomon at the start of his reign after his Father David joined his ancestors. What would you ask the Lord if he appeared to you in your dreams and asked you the same question. What would your answer be?

Many young people in our current pop culture might ask for fame, popularity, success in business and many other superfluous gifts. Some who are struggling at this trying time of financial crisis might ask for financial security, employment or just make ends meet. Some who are longing for relationships might ask for a partner, a wife, a husband and children, others might ask for certain bad habits to go away or to be free from certain habitual sins and become better persons.

The young King Solomon did not ask for riches and fame or long life but ‘an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil’ to be able to govern God’s people. In short, Solomon asked the right thing to be able to serve God and his people with discerning judgement. He considers himself a servant of God as his father David was. What we can see in Solomon’s request is a heart that wishes to serve and his concern for the people of God and this pleases God. When we ask the Lord for what we need, this petition reveals in a way, what we have in our hearts, it reveals what is important for us in life.

A good example of a foolish choice is portrayed in the Greek myth of King Midas, who asks Dionysus, “god of wine” that everything he touches should turn to gold. Then he returns to his palace and is initially delighted with his gift. But he soon realises the foolishness of his choice when even the food he wants to eat turns to gold. The consequence of his foolish decision led him to become isolated from his beloved ones and destroyed his life. So, he gave up all his wealth and family to live with Dionysus.

Let us be wise and ask God to help us to make the right choices in our prayer, which will reveal what is important for our lives and ask him to help us to have discernment to make the right choices for the good of our neighbours and ours.

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 **Dolores Salami**.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Michael & Bridget Grealish ANNIV, Albert Ojinnaka ANNIV **11am** Antonio Jose Da Costa RIP, Joseph Murphy ANNIV **MONDAY 10am** Michael, Lena & Margaret McDonagh RIP **11.15am** Francesca India Funeral Mass **TUESDAY 10am** Chris & Maureen Anyadi Thanksgiving, Emanuel & Noella Augustin RIP **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Peter Gormally RIP **FRIDAY 7pm** Bernadette Okafor RIP, Moira Terrill Special INT **SATURDAY 10am** Marcelle Jemide Thanksgiving, Nora Swinhoe RIP (**vigil**) **7.00pm** People of the Parish, Ellie & Alex Bysouth INT **SUNDAY 9am** Olga Britto RIP, Albert Alexander RIP **11am** Marcelle Jemide Thanksgiving, Nkechi Anyanwu Thanksgiving **2pm** Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass

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 will take their annual break during the month of August. This means there will be no tea and coffee sessions from Sunday 2nd August to Sunday 30th August. Our last day of service before the break will be **today Sunday 26th July**. We will resume on Sunday 6th September. **We thank you for your understanding and continued support. God bless you always.**

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. While you can request specific dates for anniversaries or birthdays, it is not always a guarantee. Use a **Mass Offering envelope** (available at the back of the church) or send an email to parish or **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). Our contactless machines also have a specific donation for Mass intentions.

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 and RCIC – in helping to form and guide our children, young people and adults on their journey of 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/>

WEBELIEVE | FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE - FRIDAY 24–MONDAY 27 JULY 2026 | ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT, BIRMINGHAM

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. **Book your tickets at** <https://www.webeliefefestival.com/>

Please check the poster and programme on the Parish Notice board.

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@sfds.haringey.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:** £472.04  **Envelopes:** £131.00

 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £352.50  **Contactless:** £168

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 £50,388.19 (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:

Francesca India Funeral Mass on Thursday 27th July at 11.15am.

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 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 Permalloo, John Adumatta-Sampaney, Carol Ann Holleran, Helena Dlugosz, Augustus Edwards, Cynthia Murray, Fr Michael English, Anita Armstrong, Francesca India 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