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**READINGS Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86(85): 5-6. 9-10.
15-16a.R5a; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13: 24-43**

**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 19/07/2026**

The wheat, the darnel and God's patience

This Sunday's parable of the wheat and the darnel gives us an opportunity to reflect on who we are and on God's immense patience and recognise his right judgement. The two types of plants, the darnel and the wheat, as Jesus says, represents humankind and the types of people who are in the world. The properties of the darnel and the wheat are utterly opposite to each other. Darnel is a particularly troublesome kind of weed which resembles wheat. It is 'a species of rygrass, *Lolium temulentum*, often found in wheat fields and often host to a fungus intoxicating to humans and animals'. When darnel is ground into flour, baked in bread and consumed while hot, the eater may experience symptoms similar to drunkenness, including trembling, followed by inability to walk and hindered speech. Instead, wheat is a life-giving produce that provides nutrition and has healing properties. During most of our human history, it has being commonly used for bread, and it has long been called "the staff of life." It can be easily understood why the landowner instructs the labourers to remove the weed only at harvest-time; for to pull it out beforehand would probably uproot the wheat and thus destroy the crop. All this has implications for the lesson of the parable. As Jesus explains, God (the landowner) is the only judge who will make the judgement at the end of time (the harvest), as he will judge people by their fruits. If the word of God planted in our hearts has produced the life-giving fruits like, forgiveness, patience, generosity, love, then we will be recognised as God's children, but if we have been like darnel, producing poisonous and bitter fruits like resentment, hatred, unforgiveness, pride, selfishness, unbelief, then God will not recognise us as his children. God patiently waits for our conversion towards him.

He is always looking after his creation and our time in the world is a time of God's patience. He is helping us to produce the life-giving fruits from the seed he has sown into our hearts at our baptism.

Let us ask the Lord to help us with the grace of the Holy Spirit to become like Christ.

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 Theresa Alexander RIP, Catia Noronha Thanksgiving **11am** People of the Parish, Emeka Nwankwo Thanksgiving **MONDAY 10am** Joan Barke Special INT, Bernadette Okafor RIP
TUESDAY 10am Filomena Cuenco RIP, Ann Killeen ANNIV **WEDNESDAY** No Mass
THURSDAY 10am Len Morden RIP, Mary Obeng Thanksgiving **11.15am** Anita Armstrong
Funeral Mass **FRIDAY 7pm** Ruth Constantine Thanksgiving, Mary Obeng Thanksgiving
SATURDAY 10am Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Kenneth Attama INT (vigil) **7.00pm**
Bridie Collins RIP, Eugenia Barcala-Castillo RIP **SUNDAY 9am** Michael & Bridget Grealish
ANNIV, Albert Ojinnaka ANNIV **11am** Antonio Jose Da Costa RIP, Joseph Murphy ANNIV

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 on Sunday 26th July. We will resume on Sunday 6th September. We thank you for your understanding and continued support. God bless you always.

PILGRIMAGE OF ST EDMUND CAMPION'S RELIC - TODAY 19TH JULY AT 11AM MASS

As it is customary the Knights of St Columba have organised an annual pilgrimage of the Relics of St Edmund Campion which will visit our Parish on Sunday 19th July before making its way its final post at Tyburn Convent in Marble Arch. There will be an opportunity to venerate the relic of the saint after Mass. Please do not insist on touching it as it is enclosed in a delicate vessel which can break easily. St Edmund Campion, pray for us!

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@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:** £416.43  **Envelopes:** £185.50

 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £680.50  **Contactless:** £140

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 25th July 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 forms 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 the QR Code below to apply.



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:

Anita Armstrong Funeral Mass on Thursday 23rd 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 Permilloo, 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