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**READINGS 1Kings 19:9,11-13; Psalm 84 (85) 9-14;
Romans 9:1-5, 37-39; Matthew 14:22-23**

**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 09/08/2026**

‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’

We all face storms in the events of daily life. Many are facing the storms of uncertainty of unemployment, sickness, broken relationships, and all kind of addictions. Some may be battling against the storm of mental illness, dementia, anxiety, depression and tension in their marriage. All these situations batter our boat and makes us fearful; it may make us doubt about the presence of the Lord and his power to help us. Perhaps we tend to look more at the dark clouds on the sky and the threatening waters of the sea that menaces to sink us into desperation and hopelessness. Amid these storms, the Lord will appear in front of us, and our reaction might be that of the disciples, who reacted in fear thinking that Jesus was a ghost. Amid the storms of our lives, we might also think that the Lord is just a figment of our imagination and not a real person. However, the Lord will show his power by walking over the threatening waters, which represents, all kind of evils humanity are threatened with like death, sickness, anxiety, hopelessness, violence, selfishness, poverty, addictions and so on and so forth. The Lord comes into our reality and enters into the storms of our lives and assures us, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ Listen to his voice and have no doubts that He is in our midst. You and I can say like Peter, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ Notice that Peter walks on the water as long as Peter looks at Jesus, but the moment when he realises that it is walking on the waters and looks down, he starts sinking. This is an image of a reality that we also might experience when we are battered by the storm of our difficulties and sufferings, when we look down our own incapacity to solve our own problems and when we look and focus only on the immensity of our problems (sea) that threatened us. The Gospel invites us to look at Jesus who calls us to him and says, come to me, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ I have power to sustain you in your struggles, and I will calm the storm in your life, trust me, have faith in me. You will walk over these threatening waters. You and I, need humility to call out on the Lord like Peter and pray, ‘Lord save me.! The Lord surely will come to our help.

We are all facing storms in our lives, but thanks be to God we can call out on the Lord who can saves us. With faith let us call on the Lord and stretch out our hand to Jesus as we hear him say to each of us, *‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’* Fr David

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🕯️ SANCTUARY LAMPS 🕯️

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (Red) is offered for the intentions of **Marcelle Jemide**.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Patrick Marie Thanksgiving, Bernadette Okafor RIP **11am** People of the Parish, Steeves Louise Thanksgiving **MONDAY 10am** May Egan ANNIV, Anne McDonagh ANNIV **11am** John Moyles RIP Funeral Mass **TUESDAY 10am** William Slattery ANNIV, Huran Vidal ANNIV **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Maria Hilton ANNIV, Gabriella Nasso RIP **FRIDAY 7pm** Albert Alexander RIP, Tara Tomeo RIP **SATURDAY 10am** Anne Ajewole Thanksgiving, Bernadette Okafor RIP (**vigil**) **7.00pm** Kevin Dooley ANNIV **8pm** Tamil Chaplaincy Mass **SUNDAY 9am** People of the Parish, Patrick Marie INT **11am** Bruce & Nicole Nyazika Thanksgiving, May Okolie & Family 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

THE SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL

This weekend 8th and 9th August, we have an appeal from the Spiritans Fathers. We welcome Fr Geoffrey who celebrates the Masses and makes the appeal. There will be a second collection at the end of Mass. Thank you for your generous support and donations.

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: (Friendlies) Saturdays 8th & 15th August at 15.00 and 29th August at 17.30. Parking restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link below:

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

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.

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).

PARISH PRIEST ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr David will be away on his annual leave from Monday 10th August until Sunday 30th August. Please welcome and support Fr Joseph who will stay in the Presbytery and all clergy from Stamford Hill and the Nigerian Chaplaincy who will come to help celebrating Masses in August.

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:** £837.78 📁 **Envelopes:** £176
- 🏦 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £1410.50 📱 **Contactless:** £132

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 £50,542.64 (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:
John Moyles Funeral Mass on 10th August at 11am.

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