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READINGS: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 45(44):10.11.12.16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
YEAR A – 16/08/2026**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Solemnity celebrates the special place that Mary has in the life of the Church. This dogma of faith in the Church was formally recognised and proclaimed on 15 August 1950 by Pope Pius XII. Perhaps some of our parishioners would still remember that day when it was broadcasted on the radio. However, this dogma is not a novelty but a recognition and affirmation of what the Church believed throughout her history. This dogma of the Assumption teaches that, "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." (*Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus* 44)

As with the case of Jesus' resurrection, we need to look at the meaning of what the Solemnity is about. Pope Benedict XVI said in his General Audience on this feast in 2006, "By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful.

Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon."

At this time in which we are going through sad shadows of sufferings in our world caused by war conflicts, natural disasters or by personal darkness of very painful and difficult situations in our lives. The celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, comes to light up our world and our way by inviting us to look up to heaven, our final destination, rather than looking down hopelessly at our broken world and our sad situations alone. Mary our Mother is always close to us; she invites us to take refuge in her and to look up with hope at her Son Jesus Christ, who has given us the gift of eternal life.

Let us pray with an extract of a prayer by Pope St Pius X:

"We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes, which wept over the earth crimsoned by the blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world racked by wars and persecutions, the oppression of the just and the weak. From the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance, tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts, and help in the trials of Church and country. We believe finally that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and the saints, and from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you our life, our sweetness, our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, so that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary." Amen

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 **Theresa Ojinnaka**.

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose of the soul of **Albert Ojinnaka**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am People of the Parish, Patrick Marie INT **11am** Bruce & Nicole Nyazika Thanksgiving, May Okolie & Family Thanksgiving **MONDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang RIP, Maria & Stefan Flak & Deceased Family Members RIP **TUESDAY 10am** Ewa Wojtas & Family Thanksgiving, Thomas Lee Goodinas & All the Souls that No One Prays RIP **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Janka & George Geniusz RIP, People of Chernihiv, Briansk & Orjol Oblasts INT **FRIDAY 7pm** Filomena Cuenco ANNIV, Mary Calvary RIP **SATURDAY 10am** Theresa Sango ANNIV, Bernadette Okafor RIP **(vigil) 7.00pm** Mary Derham RIP, Gerald Derham ANNIV **SUNDAY 9am** Patrick Marie INT, Halina Chmiel RIP **11am** Theresa Sango ANNIV, Rosemary Hammond 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

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 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: (Friendly) Saturday 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:** £727.63 📁 **Envelopes:** £212.00 📱 **Contactless:** £110.00

🏦 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £1,267.50 **Spiritans Appeal:** £696.85

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.

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