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**READINGS: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8
Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20**

**21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 23/08/2026**

“Who do you say that I am?”

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus puts this personal question to his disciples and therefore, to you and to me too. What would your answer be?

Perhaps you have experienced a difficulty in answering to this question in a personal manner and most likely you have tried to answer it by listing the titles by which Jesus is known such as, He is the Son of God, the Saviour, the Redeemer, the Healer, etc.

Some people would say that Jesus was a revolutionary teacher who has taught high values but not the Son of God. This would be like answering to Jesus's first question, 'who do people say I am' rather than the second one, 'who do **you** say that I am.' We know St Peter's response he said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' As we know, St Peter was always quick to answer to the Lord. But this time he got it right. He was inspired by the Father to make such profession of faith in the divinity of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus has recognised the faith of Peter and made him the "Rock" on which He has founded the Church that has as its visible head, the Pope. We believe that the Pope is the successor of St Peter, and Jesus Christ has given him the keys of the Kingdom. The Pope often gives testimony of his faith like Peter, through his preaching, his writings, and his actions.

Today the Church invites us to place ourselves sitting down with the disciples of Jesus, listening to the Lord's personal question that summons a sincere response from our part. The response we give is a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, not a merely intellectual or lip's profession of faith but a profession of faith substantiated by concrete facts of the things and events in which, we have seen and experienced God's salvific action in our lives. Let us take courage and overcome our fear to speak about our faith in Jesus Christ to our children, relatives, colleagues, and any of our neighbours. This week let us take some time of silence, to meditate on Jesus's personal question "Who do you say that I am" and give our personal answer to the Lord. Let us profess our faith in him with sincerity of heart.

Fr David

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🕯️ SANCTUARY LAMPS 🕯️

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (Red) is offered for the intentions of **St Anthony & the Marie Family**.

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the intentions of **St Anthony & the Marie Family**.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Patrick Marie INT, Halina Chmiel RIP **11am** Theresa Sango ANNIV, Rosemary Hammond Thanksgiving **MONDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Denise Warne INT **TUESDAY 10am** Ferdinand Okafor RIP, Olga Britto RIP **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Neville Britto Special INT, Dolores Salami ANNIV **FRIDAY 7pm** Bernadette Okafor RIP, Elizabeth Munkoh Thanksgiving **SATURDAY 10am** Filomena Pader ANNIV, Mariano Pestejo RIP (vigil) **7.00pm** Felix Anyadi Thanksgiving, People of the Parish **SUNDAY 9am** Anne Ajewole Thanksgiving, Patrick Marie INT **11am** Zbigniew Chmiel RIP, 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: 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 to celebrate 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:** £767.92 📦 **Envelopes:** £201.00

🏦 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £385.50 📱 **Contactless:** £117.00

Spiritans Appeal: £1,086.85

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 Permalloo, 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