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**READINGS: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9
Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27**

**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 30/08/2026**

Modelling our lives with the new mind as Christians

In today's second reading St Paul exhorts to the Christian community in Rome, '*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind*' What is the worldly mind and the new mind which St Paul is speaking about? Many of the newly converted Christians carried a baggage of the roman hedonistic mentality of the pursuit of short-term pleasure at any cost and the avoidance of suffering and pain in any possible way. In Rome there were several schools of philosophy which preached such way of life such as, the Epicureans who believe that pleasure was the only good and pain the only evil. The Stoics held that whatever suffering we endure in life is part of an illusion. Like the Stoics and the Platonists, the Gnostics held that the world of the body is fundamentally meaningless. They went further, and declared that it is, in fact, evil. For Gnostics, bodily pleasures such as sex were fundamentally evil and should be renounced – but if you couldn't manage that, at the very least you should avoid marriage and children. Adultery and abortion were preferable, the former since at least it avoided the pretence of sanctity, and the latter because it spared fresh souls from being trapped in the prison of the flesh. These are some of the philosophical schools the early Christians had to contend with which many Christians left behind. Just to have an example of what St Paul is referring about here read Rom 1:24-31. In our current western culture, the best way to describe this mindless pursuit of pleasure is known as addiction which, ends only in selfish and self-destructive behaviour. In our current western culture, suffering is an intrinsic evil which, it has to be cast out and, it is unacceptable. The central existential claim that Christianity makes is that suffering, while intrinsically an evil thing, can be turned into spiritual good. This why we carry the cross of Christ as our standard of the sign of God's love for us, since Jesus Christ took our flesh and gave his life for us on the cross, to save us from the evil of death and any kind of suffering.

The Lord through his word proclaimed in the Church, exhorts us to model our lives in the new mind of Christ as his disciples, taking upon ourselves the cross and join in his redemptive work of salvation. Our call is to do the will of God by thinking and acting like Jesus, that is, to be another Christ on earth.

Fr David

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SANCTUARY LAMPS

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

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the intentions of **Marjorie Daniel**.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Patrick Marie Thanksgiving, Bernadette Okafor RIP **11am** People of the Parish, Steeves Louise Thanksgiving **MONDAY 10am** Anne Ajewole Thanksgiving, Bernadette Okafor RIP **TUESDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Nell McDonagh RIP **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Ilona Hider Special INT, John Julien Thanksgiving **FRIDAY 7pm** Bernadette Okafor RIP, Edward Odibo INT **SATURDAY 10am** John Carey ANNIV, Nicole Nyazika Thanksgiving (**vigil**) **7.00pm** David Anthony McAuliffe ANNIV, Jerry Conneely ANNIV **SUNDAY 9am** Albert Alexander RIP, Patrick Marie INT **11am** Joshua Anyanwu Thanksgiving, Jane Baidoo RIP

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 SEPTEMBER 2026

Football: Saturday 12th September at 17.30; Saturday 19th September at 12.30pm.

Concerts: Friday 4th September & Saturday 5th September - **Jay Z**; Saturday 26th September - **Big Bang**. Parking restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link below:

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

HOSPITALITY TEAM RETURN

The Hospitality Team will resume their ministry from Next Sunday 6th September 2026. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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 RETURN DATE CHANGED

Fr David return date has been changed to the week starting 7th September, due to an emergency travel he must do to take his mother to Bolivia from Spain. A big thank you to all our priests who celebrated Masses throughout the month of August and part of September and to all volunteers for your invaluable support by looking after the parish and parishioners.

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:** £438.20 📁 **Envelopes:** £209

🏦 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £285.58 📱 **Contactless:** £82.50

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, Rosa Fernandes 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