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**READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145(144); 2-3. 8-9. 17-18 R18a
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16**

**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 20/09/2026**

God's generosity and mercy

The gospel parable about the owner of the vineyard and the workers is a beautiful reflection of God's justice and generosity which is unlike ours, as the prophet Jeremiah voices God's words, 'my thoughts are not thoughts, my ways are not your ways'.

Our sense of justice is often reflected in the attitude of the workers who started the day job early in the morning who were paid the agreed talent and at the end of a long day of work under the sun and top of it they were paid last! They complaint that the last ones who have done only an hour work received the same payment and first than them. It sees unfair but this is not the way the owner of the vineyard thinks and works. He is generous and does whatever he wants with his money! So is God who rewards us all with the same gift of eternal life. The Lord calls us to work in his vineyard at any time of the day, no matter if we are more or less able or equip to do the job as Pope Benedict XVI's said in his opening speech on the day of his election as Pope on 19 April 2005, '*After the Great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard.*

I am comforted by the fact that the Lord knows how to work and act even with insufficient instruments. And above all, I entrust myself to your prayers.

With the joy of the risen Lord and confidence in his constant help, we will go forward. The Lord will help us and Mary his most holy mother will be alongside us.'

Pope Benedict XVI was called in his old age to serve the Lord and the Church as Pope, however, his reward in heaven is not different than the person who has just converted and believed in the Lord at his/her last moment of conversion on this earth. The Lord's is so generous to all of us. Who can fully understand and know God with our human mind? As St Paul writes to the Romans (11:33) 'Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!' At times we may be envious of other people are more successful and have less problems and have abundance of money, skills and gifts, in spite that they do not have faith in Jesus and do not work as much as one does. Thanks be to God, the judgment of God is what comforts us because, since we will not be judged by our merits and how long we have worked in the vineyard of the Lord but rather the Lord will be the judge of it, and gives us our reward, no matter at what point in our lives he has called us to work in his vineyard.

Fr David

Parish Priest: Fr David Lucuy Claros

Parish Administrator: Mrs. Elisabete Veselovska Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Marcelle Jemide

Safeguarding Representatives: Ms Victoria Gowdie, Eliza Njie

SANCTUARY LAMPS

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Albert Alexander RIP, Virginia Fernandes RIP **11am** Filomena Cuenco RIP, Aaron Torres Thanksgiving **MONDAY 10am** Olga Britto RIP, Catherine Everett RIP **TUESDAY 10am** Atom Selvon RIP, Juan Bendregal & Family RIP **11am** Rosa Fernandes RIP Funeral Mass **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** George Pierre ANNIV, Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving **2pm** Fr Lamont Phillips RIP Funeral Mass **FRIDAY 7pm** Jorge Dabalos RIP, Mercedes Raul Rios RIP **SATURDAY 10am** Bernadette Okafor RIP, Marie Mullings RIP (**vigil**) **7.00pm** Filomena Beltran RIP, Eliza Njie Thanksgiving **SUNDAY 9am** SVP Tottenham Members Thanksgiving, Patrick Marie RIP **11am** Jasmine Ahmed Thanksgiving, People of the Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Start of Programme:

Introductory meeting with Parents and Children, this Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 6pm prompt, in Church. Doors will open at 5.30pm. Please plan your journey to arrive on time to Church.

CONFIRMATION – Start of Programme:

Introductory meeting with Parents and Candidates will hold on Monday 5th October 2026 at 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5.30pm. Please plan your journey to arrive on time to the Hall.

FR LAMONT PHILLIPS

With sadness, we announce that Fr Lamont Phillips has died peacefully on 1st September 2026. Fr Lamont ministered at St Francis De Sales between 2003-2010. We are grateful to the Lord for his ministry among us and pray for the repose of his soul and strength for his family. The Funeral Mass will be on the **24th September 2026 at 2pm**.

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 tottenhamsq2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk or Eliza Njie at tottenhamsq3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk or leave a message on the Parish Phone 02088083554.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We would like to ask for the donation of new items (no clothes) for our Christmas Raffle Draw to be held on Sunday 20th December 2026 after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall. Please bring the items to the sacristy or the Parish Office. Thank for your generosity.

ACTIVE AGEING CLUB & ADVICE CENTRE FOR ELDERLY

A drop in Advice Centre run by BIAS is available on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Parish Hall of our church of St Francis de Sales on the Brereton Road. Phone 02084596655. Please see notice at the Parish notice board at the back of the church.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED:

We are seeking parishioners to join our team of Catechists, supporting children, young people and adults on their faith journey. All volunteers must complete a DBS check and safeguarding training.

Scan the QR code at the back of church or complete this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/B9QuEewdej> to find out more and register your interest.

SCHEDULED EVENTS AT SPURS STADIUM FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Concerts: 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/>

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).

ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT AND 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@sfds.haringey.sch.uk to arrange a visit - we look forward to welcoming you!

MARY'S MEALS COLLECTIONS THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all parishioners who have given towards Mary's meals last Sunday and previously donated through the envelopes of foreign currency some months ago.

We have collected the amount of £790.92. Very well done everyone, may the Lord reward you for your generosity.

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:** £435 📦 **Envelopes:** £255.20 🏠 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £939.61 📱 **Contactless:** £153 **Mary's Meals** Foreign coins (March) £491.84 (13/9) - £299.08

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).

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE: The next Baptism Preparation Course for parents intending to baptise infants will be on **Saturday 26th September 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 and Confirmation is now closed.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC):

Applications for this programme remains open for Children over the age of 7 that are not Baptised or Baptised in a non-Catholic Church. If interested, on the QR Code.



ADULTS' CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROGRAMME - RCIA 2026-2027. If interested use this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/q7xi asFTcB> 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 souls of:

Rosa Fernandes RIP. Funeral Mass on **Tuesday 22nd September at 11am.**

Fr Lamont Phillips RIP. Funeral Mass on **Thursday 24th September at 2pm.**

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, Leon Tanner, Fr Lamont Phillips, Teresa Sadler, Ifeoma Machie 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