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**READINGS: 27:30-28:7; Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12
Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35**

**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 13/09/2026**

To be forgiven, you must forgive

On this Sunday's readings we continue reflecting on the theme of forgiveness. Last Sunday was about the fraternal correction and forgiveness within the community. This Sunday is focus on the personal level of forgiveness of an offence. Peter asks Jesus, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. This means to forgive always, there is no limit of times to forgive. This forgiveness reflects the forgiveness of God who in his mercy "forgive us our trespasses" always, as we pray in the Lord's prayer. The parable of the unforgiving servant reflects that reality of God's great patience and forgiveness. God (the king) cancels the astronomical debt of the servant, which could be around 164.000 days wages, (like a billion sterling pounds) a debt the servant could never repay it! However, the merciless response of the servant who did not forgive his fellow's small debt, the equivalent to 100 days wages, shows that he has not learnt the lesson of patience, mercy and forgiveness he has received from the king (God). This is a lesson for us. God has forgiven us so much, so that we can forgive our offenders. We have received the forgiveness from Jesus Christ crucified on the cross. Remember his words on the cross, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they do' (Lk 23:34). Forgiveness is a grace which the Lord has given us in his Son, Jesus. It would be foolish to try to achieve forgiveness with our own human strength as an act of will power. Forgiveness is one of the most difficult things to give and receive.

In our prayer, let us ask the Lord to show us who we are and with humility recognise our frailty, our ingratitude, our selfishness, in other words, our sinfulness and ask the Lord for forgiveness and we will experience that our debt, our huge debt, is remitted by the grace of Jesus Christ sacrificed on the cross.

Have you got anyone in your debt? Pray, meditate, ask the Lord to help you to go and ask for forgiveness before it's too late.

Have you got any resentment in your heart? Do not let this ruin an embittered your life, pray and ask the Lord for the grace to be able to go and be reconciled with that person and show the same mercy that the Father has shown us.

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 **Marcelle Jemide**.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Patrick Marie INT, Bernadette Okafor RIP **11am** Eugenia Victor-Davis Thanksgiving, Gabriella Nasso RIP **MONDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Isobel Ring RIP **TUESDAY 10am** Mary Fitzgerald ANNIV, Adaobi Ezeknekwe Thanksgiving **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Aaron & Emma Torres Thanksgiving, Felix & Ermillaume Begue RIP **FRIDAY 7pm** Margaret Kilbane RIP, Chioma Duru & Family Thanksgiving **SATURDAY 10am** Bernadette Okafor RIP, Dolores Salami RIP (**vigil**) **7.00pm** People of the Parish, Ulsan & Omayeli Jemide Thanksgiving **SUNDAY 9am** Albert Alexander RIP, Virginia Fernandes RIP **11am** Filomena Cuenco RIP, Aaron Torres 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 available online on the Parish website; and **ends today 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

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 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

Concerts: Saturday 26th September - **Big Bang**.

Football: Saturday 19th September at 12.30pm.

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).

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:** £728.75 📁 **Envelopes:** £184.50

🏦 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £1,806.19 📱 **Contactless:** £100

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 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 **today 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 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 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