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**READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Ps. 24(25): 4-9
4-9 Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32**

**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 27/09/2026**

The Anawim

Anawim (pronounced ann-a-weem) is a Hebrew word from the Old Testament which describes the “poor ones” who remained faithful to God in times of difficulty. These humble people became known as the “*anawim*” or the “faithful remnant.”

St John Paul II, teaches that the *anawim*, “the poor and lowly ones” are not just the oppressed, the miserable, the persecuted for justice, but also those who, with fidelity to the moral teaching of the Covenant with God, are marginalized by those who prefer to use violence, riches and power. In this light one understands that the category of the “poor” is not just a social category but a spiritual choice. It is what the famous first Beatitude means: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven” (Mt 5,3). The prophet Zephaniah spoke to the *anawim* as special persons: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of wrath of the Lord” (Zep 2,3).

These are the people whom Jesus in today’s Gospels refers to as the poor ones, that is, ‘the prostitutes and tax collectors’ who have listened and converted from their evil ways to following Jesus, in contrast to the prideful and not listening attitude of ‘the chief priests and elders of the people’.

The tax collectors and prostitutes are the people who have the attitude of the *anawim*, since they seek God in humility and convert to do God’s will (the father in the parable) because they believed in the love of God (*hesed*) who forgives their sins and accepts them into his family.

Now the Church asks us: Do we have the spirit of the *anawim* or do we remain attached to our prideful attitude like the chief priests and elders?

This week, let us pray to Jesus and asked him to grant us the spirit of the *anawim* by praying and contemplating Jesus’s humility and love for us, described in the Christian hymn of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11.

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 repose of the soul of **Maureen Nwabia**.

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of Our Lady (blue) is offered for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Nwabia**.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am SVP Tottenham Members Thanksgiving, Patrick Marie INT **11am** Jasmine Ahmed Thanksgiving, People of the Parish **MONDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Arlette Guerra RIP **TUESDAY 10am** Ivar Bergara & Family RIP, Solange Ernestina RIP **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Filomena Cuenca RIP, Rafael, Juana, Fany Aramayo RIP **FRIDAY 12pm** Leon Tanner RIP Funeral Mass **7pm** Olga Britto ANNIV, Nell McDonagh RIP **SATURDAY 10am** Pauline Ellis Sackey Thanksgiving, Bernadette Okafor RIP (**vigil**) **7.00pm** Anna Beschizza RIP, Luke Nwachukwu RIP **SUNDAY 9am** Albert Alexander RIP, Patrick Marie INT **11am** People of the Parish, Kitty Corbett RIP

PARISH NEWS

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL - HARVEST

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Please use the CAFOD envelope from the back of the church or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR T/L TERESA SADLER

It is with great sadness we heard about the death of our well beloved teacher from our School of St Francis de Sales, Teresa Sadler who died on 29th July. A Memorial Mass for the repose of her soul will be held in our church on Saturday 10th October at 12noon. Please keep her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

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 tottenhamsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk or Eliza Njie at tottenhamsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk or leave a message on the Parish Phone 02088083554.

THANKSGIVING FOR FR LAMONT'S FUNERAL

A huge thank you, on behalf of the family of T/L Fr Lamont to all for your prayers, sympathy, your participation and contributions in many ways towards his funeral last Thursday. Please keep his family in your prayers.

SCHEDULED EVENTS AT SPURS STADIUM FOR OCTOBER 2026

NFL Games: Sunday 4th & Sunday 11th October

Football: Saturday 19th October at 20:00; Saturday 31st October at 17:30.

MASS INTENTIONS 🕯️

You can request a Mass for a loved one, in thanksgiving, for a special occasion, or for a private intention. Intentions are published in the Parish Newsletter and announced at Mass. **Please note that Sunday Mass intentions are now fully booked until 6th December. In addition, all Mass intentions for October are fully booked, and only limited availability remains for November. Early booking is therefore strongly recommended.** To request a Mass intention, please complete a Mass Offering envelope (available at the back of the church) and give it to a member of the clergy or drop it into the Parish Office. The Archbishop of Westminster has suggested a donation of **£10 per Mass** (Gift Aid where 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!

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:** £458.88 📁 **Envelopes:** £254.97 🏠 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £939.61 📱 **Contactless:** £150

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 24th October 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.

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.

ADULTS' CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROGRAMME - RCIA 2026-2027

Will start on Monday 5th October at 7pm in the Presbytery.

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:

Leon Tanner RIP. Funeral Service on **Friday 2nd October at 12noon.**

Teresa Sadler RIP. Memorial Mass on **Saturday 10th October at 12noon.**

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 who died recently

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, Nell 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, Feban 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