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**READINGS: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9
Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 16:21-27**

**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A – 06/09/2026**

Fraternal correction is an act of love

Today's gospel reading shows us how the community to which Matthew writes, have developed a three-step procedure to reconcile a brother or sister of the community who had sinned: one on one or two further witnesses and then the whole community of the Church. In this process, we recognise how the listening and dialogue of these procedures reflect the fraternal love that was taught by Jesus - and recalled by Paul in our second reading as he said: 'Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.' If we say that we truly love God, this love is reflected in the love and care we have toward our neighbour, since we are our brother and sister's keepers. This is a difficult and painful act of love that requires humility to do it and to accept it. Many may ask, how do I admonish my neighbour without being moralistic and proud, since we all are sinners? Fr Anthony Kadavil suggests four things that can make the spiritual work of mercy of "admonishing the sinner" or fraternal correction effective rather than destructive, which are: supernatural outlook, humility, consideration, and affection.

Fraternal correction is only to be given because we are convinced God wants it for the sake of the person we are correcting and those affected by him. We pray about him/her and for him/her, asking the Holy Spirit if He wants this correction made and how it should be made. That is what a supernatural outlook enables us to do. Humility is necessary because we are sinners ourselves and fail in many ways. We could just as easily have the same fault, and we certainly have other imperfections. Nevertheless, God wants us to help each other. It is also necessary to be considerate, that is, to say what we have to say in the least hurtful way possible but without beating around the bush. It is so easy to humiliate another, and no one likes being corrected. Finally, the correction should be given out of love and concern. The motive for the correction is the true good of the others, not the corrector's own benefit. That is true affection. Let us imitate St. Therese of Lisieux's view on charity as she said, "I know now that true charity consists in bearing all our neighbours' defects--not being surprised at their weaknesses but edified at their smallest virtues."

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 repose of the soul of **Albert Alexander**.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9am Albert Alexander RIP, Patrick Marie INT **11am** Joshua Anyanwu Thanksgiving, Jane Baidoo RIP **2pm** Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass **MONDAY 10am** Sabir Ahmed Thanksgiving, The Dina's Family RIP **TUESDAY 10am** Selina Fernandes RIP, Marian Victor RIP **WEDNESDAY** No Mass **THURSDAY 10am** Grace Agyemang & Family Thanksgiving, Rosemonde & Roland Gungandeen RIP **FRIDAY 7pm** Inez Rodriguez RIP, Remedios Zomero RIP **SATURDAY 10am** Diego & Julie Carvalho RIP, Family Soarez & Family RIP (**vigil**) **7.00pm** People of the Parish, Alberto & Luzmila Bustillos RIP **SUNDAY 9am** Patrick Marie INT, Bernadette Okafor RIP **11am** Eugenia Victor-Davis Thanksgiving, Gabriella Nasso 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 next 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

HOSPITALITY TEAM RETURN

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

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**.

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 : 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 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: Friday 4th September & Saturday 5th September - **Jay Z**; Saturday 26th September - **Big Bang**.

Football: Saturday 12th September at 17.30; 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 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. Thank you for understanding.

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:** £369.38 📁 **Envelopes:** £140

🏦 **Standing Orders & Online Donations:** £285.58 📱 **Contactless:** £65

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 next 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 **Tuesday 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 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