**READINGS: Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 145(146):7-10 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 YEAR C – 28/09/2025**

**Dives and Lazarus**

Today we read a kind of second part of Jesus’ teaching regarding the danger of unhealthy attachments to wealth we reflected on Sunday’s Gospel. If the Astute Manager of Luke 16:1-13 is to teach the disciples the proper use of money, Dives and Lazarus (16:19-31) is to point out to the Pharisees the danger in which they stand by selfishly hoarding their wealth (v 14) - Luke has Christian 'Pharisees' in mind. Dives (the man is anonymous; the traditional name comes from the Latin Dives; rich man) was a worldling who did not look beyond the good things of this life (v 19). In sharp contrast is the crippled beggar, Lazarus. The name Lazarus is a Latinized version of the Jewish name, Eleazar that means “God is my helper.” Jesus gave him that name because he had no one else to help him and he trusted in God. It is important to observe that nowhere is it suggested that Dives' wealth is ill-gotten nor that Lazarus was his victim. The sin of Dives is that, cushioned by his lavish lifestyle, he was simply oblivious to the presence of a beggar at his gate. The contrast between the two in the next life is more pronounced - but they have exchanged roles. The Jews who believed in the afterlife considered three terms to express the place of blessedness where the righteous would go: The Garden of Eden, the Throne of Glory, and the Bosom of Abraham. "Abraham's bosom" was a well-known expression for the banquet of the righteous souls who were eligible to enter the Paradise. Abraham, the father of the faith, was believed to be hosting banquet for the righteous believers who reach to him. To be at the bosom of the host was the most privileged position as it was in the case of John who was reclining at Jesus’s side during the last supper. (John 13:23). Lazarus reached Abraham’s bosom not because of his less fortune situation in the world, but that he kept up his faith in God during the test of poverty and sickness in his life with patience. His name “God is my helper” was expressive of his reliance on God like Job of the Old Testament. In contrast, the rich man’s self-centred spirit does not change as he considers Lazarus as his slave when he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” He respects Abraham, the father of faith but not Lazarus. The Lord Jesus is calling the “Pharisees” and all of us to conversion, meaning to reflect on the way we are living our lives and whether we truly love God and neighbour. Perhaps we have been neglecting our neighbours who are suffering next to us or perhaps become completely oblivious to their sufferings and cries for help from our family members and friends or colleagues who are begging for love and attention. Let us ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to love our neighbour as we love God in them, so our names may be written in the Book of Life in heaven. Fr David

**PARISH NEWS**

**VOLUNTEERING & RENEWAL - STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR PARISH**

STEWARDSHIP is a process whereby we return a portion of our Time and Talent to God in our Parish Community. It is done in the spirit of gratitude to give back to the Lord something that represents a true “Thank You” for all the abundant blessings that God has given to each one of us. As we started the new term after summer, we would like to renew and strengthened our volunteers’ teams and ministries in our Parish and give to all parishioners the opportunity to give back to the Lord for his blessings by volunteering and taking responsibilities in our Parish, as good stewards of his creation.

Please have a look at the “Stewardship Opportunities” booklet placed at the back of the church and let us know your preferences by filling the Registration Form QR Code, displayed at the back of the church and on the last page of the booklet.

We will publish next Sunday the dates for meetings and training sessions for the different volunteer teams and ministries. We greatly appreciate your generosity in giving your time and talents to our Parish.

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING DATES 2025**

Altar Servers: 9/11/25 12.30pm

Stewards & Meet and Greet: 15/11/25 1.30pm

Readers: 23/11/25 1pm

Ministers of Holy Communion: TBA

**NEW ACCESS PERMITS TO STREETS NEAR CHURCH DURING EVENT DAY ROAD CLOSURES**

We are distributing new passes which are valid for **road access only** during all events for 2025/26 season. Please, request and collect your access pass from the Parish Office during the week Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm or via email at tottenham@rcdow.org.uk or call 02088083554.

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE**

Grasp the Big Picture of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation with this FREE, world-renowned course presented live course online by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 7pm (8 Wednesday evenings). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org or scan the QR code at the back of the church.

**All are invited to gather in the Parish Hall every Wednesday at 6.30pm for refreshments and follow the course together until 8.45pm**. Any further information please see Fr David at back of the church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY 9am** Isaac Isaac RIP & Mariam Isaac RIP, Thomas Isaac RIP **11am** Adelaida, Peter & Mary Ngowi RIP, Stephanie, Kevin, Audrey Thanksgiving **MONDAY** Maria & Steven Flak INT**,** Paul Spencer INT **TUESDAY 10am** Filomena Cuenco RIP, Thomas Lee GoodinasRIP **WEDNESDAY No** **Mass THURSDAY 10am** Aria Torres Thanksgiving, The Pereira’s Family RIP **FRIDAY 7pm** Pauline Ellis-Sackey Thanksgiving, Jane Baidoo RIP **SATURDAY 10am**, Thelma Harvey RIP, Philip Donaghy RIP **7pm** Martial Meunier RIP, Maria Alzate RIP **SUNDAY 9am**Bernadette INT, Alison Thanksgiving **11am** Kesia, Kwame, Maame Thanksgiving, Afia, Bosman, Victoria Thanksgiving

 **SANCTUARY LAMPS** 

Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (Red) is offered for the repose of the soul of **James Shine.**

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

**PLANNED-GIVING BOXES**

The Planned Giving Boxes are ready for collection. Please meet one of our parish finance committee members in the presbytery after Sunday Mass but our first preference is during weekdays from the Parish Office from 9am to 1pm or by appointment. If you don’t have a box of envelopes, we encourage the use of our contactless or setting up a standing order. For any questions please, contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your understanding.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS AT THE STADIUM FOR OCTOBER 2025**

Sunday 5th October, 2.30pm: Vikings vs Browns **(NFL)** Sunday 12th October, 2:30pm: New York Jets vs Denver Broncos **(NFL**). Sunday 19th October, TOT-VILLA 2.00pm.

Please note that some roads closest to the Stadium will be closed before, during and immediately after events to make it safe for spectators, local residents and businesses and to ensure emergency services can access the area. Please check the road closure maps for more information.

Parking restrictions will be in place. Please have a look on the link below: <https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/the-stadium/local/>

**PARISH FINANCES**

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS**

The best way to help us is by setting up a Bank Standing Order, see details below. If you are a taxpayer, please consider making a GIFT AID declaration for your donations, to enable the parish to claim back 25p for every £1 you donate.



We would ideally like to reduce the use of cash due to further costs incurred and would request that instead if you can donate by card at church by tapping on the contactless machines as you go out of church or consider donating online through our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tottenham/donate>. Our bank details are as below:

 **Account Name: WRCDT Tottenham**

 **Sort Code: 40-05-20**

 **Account Number: 71264397**

**Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.**

**DONATIONS:** We received the previous week **Loose Plate** £344.95 **Envelopes** £226

**Standing Orders (August)** £3,111 **Contactless (August)** £528.50.

**GIFT AID DONORS:** Thank you for adding gift aid to your donations. We have received for 2024-25, an extra **£8,649.14** at no extra cost to you.

GASDS – We have also made a new claim for 2024-25 of this extra benefit of **£2,000** on the loose plate donations for which we are extremely grateful.

**ST FRANCIS DE SALES BUILDING FUND**

To-date we have raised a total of **£46,887.98** includes **£1,519.26** gift aid refund received on the last claim 2024-25. Thank you very much for your generosity.



**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**INFANT BAPTISM COURSE**: The next Baptism Preparation Course for parents intending to baptise infants is on **Saturday 25th October 2025 at 12noon** in the church. If you are intending to baptise your child, please send an email to the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES – START:**

**Confirmation: Monday 29th September 2025, 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall - 1st Meeting, mandatory for all Parents and Candidates to attend.**

**First Holy Communion: Tuesday 30th September 2025, 6pm prompt in the Parish Hall - 1st Meeting, mandatory for all Parents and FHC Children to attend.**

**Emails have been sent to all Parents of registered children.**

**ADULTS’ CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROGRAMME RCIA 2025:** If you are interested, please scan the QR code to enrol in the Programme here.

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**FUNERALS**

For funeral arrangements, please contact the parish office and let us know 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.

Please pray for the brides and grooms who are celebrating their weddings in our parish in the coming months:

**Sandeep & Carmel** on Friday 7th November 2025.

**David & Subira** on 22nd November 2025.

May the Lord bless this couple as they prepare for their wedding’s day.

**Please pray for our beloved departed parishioners**

Leonard Cotter, May Chigboh, Florence Ponton, Theresa Ilechie, Gerald O’Grady, Marcella Tambro Edward Bicar, Alex Mamwa, Margaret Fitzgerald, Timothy James O’Connell, Muriel Nembhard, Ronald Sweeting, Tino Leone, Anna Beschizza, Juliana Goolgar, James (Jim) Hunter, Dawn Newton, Joao Marques, George Pierre, Kitty Corbett, Natalie Cosgrove, Anna Wilkinson, Ernest Kwapong, Bernadette Leon, Noreen Patricia Gould, Loraine Barabutu, Edwige Tossah, Annie Lutwak, Fr Sean Carroll, Fr John Buckley, Ann Theresa Clifford, Luis Spinola, Lucretia Baptiste, Patricia Davin, Eugene McCann, James Yeboah, Doris Albrecht, 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 and all our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in peace with our Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

**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