



**Oratory of St. Francis de Sales**  
*Roman Catholic Parish*  
*Archdiocese of Southwark*

**Parish Newsletter 11th February 2024**

**White Friars Church Road, Hartley, Kent DA3 8DW**

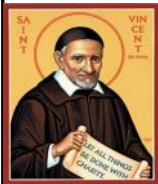
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

**St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: [www.churchservices.tvhartley](http://www.churchservices.tvhartley)**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B World Day of prayer for the Sick Mass Book page 137**

		MASS INTENTIONS	<b>THE CHURCH IS OPEN:</b> <b>Tuesday to Friday</b> 8:45am-4:00pm <b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm <b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon  <u>WEEKDAY MASS</u> <b>NO Mass on Monday</b> <b>Tuesday to Friday</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> 8:45am to 9:20am <b>Mass: 9:30am</b>  <u>WEEKEND MASS</u> <b>Saturday:</b> <b>5:30pm (Vigil)</b>  <b>Sunday:</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>10.15am</b>  <u>CONFESSIONS</u> <b>Tuesday to Friday</b> <b>8:45-9:20am</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>4:30pm to 5:20pm</b> or by appointment
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>11th FEB</b>		SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
	<b>8:30AM</b>		
	<b>10:15AM</b>		
<b>MON 12th FEB</b>		PRIVATE MASS	
<b>TUES 13th FEB</b>		FERIA	
	<b>9:30AM</b>		
<b>WED 14th FEB</b>		ASH WEDNESDAY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES	
	<b>9:30AM</b>		
	<b>7:30PM</b>		
<b>THUR 15th FEB</b>		THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	
	<b>9:30AM</b>		
<b>FRI 16th FEB</b>		FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	
	<b>9:30AM</b>		

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION**

Next week we will be holding the Clergy Support Fund second collection. The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. As you leave Mass today you shall be offered a Clergy Support Fund envelope. A donation to this fund will ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests. I kindly ask you to continue praying for our sick and elderly priests, and consider donating to this worthy fund. Thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUES & FRI 9.00am -11.30am, 1.30-3.00pm; THURS 10.00am - 2.00pm**

**Parish Priest: Fr Clement-Ipuole Godwin Eru CM**

**Email: [clementeru@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:clementeru@rcaos.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)**

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST**

**DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

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**Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton**

**Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni**

**Email: [hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk)**

**Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens**

**Email: [hartleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)**

## MASS TEXTS FOR THIS WEEK - SIXTH SUNDAY

**Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46** The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

**Psalm Response:** *You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1** Take me for your model as I take Christ.

**Mark 1: 40-45** The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

**Communion Antiphon:** *They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

## LENT 2024

**Our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday 14th February with Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass with Distribution of Ashes will be at 9:30am and at 7:30pm.**

## MASS TEXTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

**Joel 2:12-18** Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn.

**Psalm Response:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2** Be reconciled to God....now is the favourable time.

**Communion Antiphon:** *He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.*

**For Daily Prayers and Mass Readings online, visit <https://www.universalis.com>**

## VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like a priest to visit, please contact Fr Clement to arrange a visit.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

*Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace, and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## ST FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH BARN DANCE CEILIDH SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 7:30-10:30pm

At New Ash Green Village Hall or Longfield Hall (to be confirmed) There will be a Live Band and Caller provided by the Aqueducts. It is an enjoyable night. Please see the flyer for further information. Contact Anna Coffey or Tina Shirley to book tickets or for any further assistance. Thankyou

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Archbishop John Wilson has written a Pastoral Letter for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.** There are some copies available in the church porch, or to read it online, visit [www.rcsouthwark.org.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.org.uk).

### Spirituality Commission Lenten reflections

Lent is always a time of prayer and reflection. A chance for us to renew ourselves and build a closer connection with the Lord Jesus.

To help you on your Lenten journey, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will be publishing daily reflections which can be sent straight into your inbox. Sign up at [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

### Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th + wedding anniversary this year, please let Marriage and Family Life Team know as soon as possible, and no later than 31st May 2024, providing your names eg John and Mary Smith, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during the Mass. Email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)  
Title your email: Hartley, St Francis de Sales.

### Caritas Southwark 1 Year Anniversary on 16th March 2024.

Mass at St George's Cathedral at 12.30pm and continuing at the Amigo Hall with talks and discussions. Archbishop John Wilson will be the principal celebrant at the Mass while Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Network England & Wales, will be the principal speaker.

## REGULAR NOTICES

### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

We welcome all new parishioners to St Francis de Sales, Hartley. We want you to feel at home in the parish. **The first thing to do is to introduce yourself to the parish priest and then register on the Parish Database.** Registration Forms are available on the shelf in the porch, or on the parish website. Please also consider how you can support the parish with your time, talents and resources and speak with Fr Clement to discuss becoming involved in the parish in any way.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Please take one of the 'Mass Intention' envelopes from the table in the porch, fill in the details and return it to Fr Clement. An offering may be placed inside the envelope or you may use the contactless machine - please choose Mass Intention option. As all Masses are livestreamed, intentions are made public, therefore please seek consent from any living person or one of their family members before submitting an intention for them, thankyou.

### **ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB**

Membership for the 200 Club is open to anyone over 16yrs and costs £24 annually per draw number for the chance to win a prize each month. All necessary information & forms can be found in the church or on the parish website.

### **SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)**

'We are a small group who offer confidential support through phone calls, house visits, accompanying to local medical dental appointments. We also offer confidential financial support. Contact can be made through the parish priest.' Please speak to Fr Clement.

### **DONATION BOX FOR GRAVESEND FOODBANK**

Non perishable items can be left in the Food Bank Box in the Meeting Room or in the porch.

## CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

Parishioners are asked to first check the **SACRAMENTS** section on the parish website for general information. Please speak with Fr

Clement for any further advice. Those wishing to enrol for Sacramental programs should be registered parishioners, attending Mass.

### **BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS**

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please contact Fr. Clement to discuss how to proceed.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Sundays at 10.15am for school children in YR-Y2. Please bring your child into the Meeting Room before Mass and remain with your child until both leaders have arrived. In compliance with Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines, no adults other than the leaders can remain in the room during the session. Thankyou for your consideration.

### **SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.**

Preparation Classes are on Fridays 3:30-4:30pm

### **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

Any adult who does not receive Communion please speak with the parish priest for guidance.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024**

Any young person in school Yr8 or above who would be interested in joining the program, please speak to Fr Clement for further information, thankyou.

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

**Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?** If you have never been baptized, if you were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, you are welcome to join the RCIA program, the process by which people become Catholic. Please speak to Fr Clement to discuss enrolment for RCIA

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROCESS**

You are required to give 6 months notice of Marriage – whether it is taking place here or abroad. Couples wishing to be married should speak to Fr Clement as early as possible to begin the paperwork process & Marriage Preparation.

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION 4th February 2024**

Envelopes: £92.80      Loose Plate: £ 118.60

Contactless: £25.00    2nd Collection CARJ £119.15

Monthly Bank Standing Order figures will be shown in total at the end of each month.

Thatch Fund: £278.20

*Thank you for your contributions to support the parish.*

**Please check that your GA number, Date and 1st or 2nd Collection are noted on your envelope. Thankyou**

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 11th February is for:**

**Parish Needs**

**THATCH FUND**

**Funding raised: £41,193.57 of our Target £55,000.00**

**Thankyou for your continued support! Please keep depositing your £1 weekly donation in the Thatch Fund Box at the back of the church OR use the Contactless machine in the porch. You can also set up a £4 monthly/£52 annual Bank Standing Order at:**

**Nat West Bank. Account name St Francis. Account number 34363181 Sort code 60-06-33.**

If you are a UK tax payer, please submit a Gift Aid declaration form - online (follow directions below ) or hard copy (on the shelf in the church porch) If you already use the parish Gift Aid scheme, please note your GA number against any donation. If you do not know your GA number, please contact the parish office You can also donate via our parish *Justgiving* page at [www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)

**'EASYFUNDRAISING' - DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?**

**Please use *easyfundraising* when you shop online!**

Over 7,000 brands will give back small donations to registered charities, so you can raise funds for the parish, no matter what you're buying. **It is easy & FREE to sign up. Please visit [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) Thanks for your support!**

**Are you a UK Taxpayer? Please consider joining the Parish Gift-Aid Scheme.**

Simply scan the QR code with your phone and fill in the form or visit the web link. Please contact the parish office for any assistance. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thankyou



## **'PLANNED GIVING' and GIFT-AIDED DONATIONS**

The parish relies on contributions to maintain the church building and presbytery, supporting the priest in his ministry, which is the Church's Mission. ***Please do consider setting up a Monthly Bank Standing Order. This is most helpful to the parish for budgeting and planning projects.***

**Other ways to support the parish financially are:**

- (i) Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes (via Parish office)
- (ii) Through *Givealittle* on the parish website
- (iii) Using the Contactless Machine in the church
- (iv) Cash, or Cheque payable to **RCAS Hartley**
- (v) Using the One-off Donation white envelopes
- (vi) Online transaction to Nat West Bank Account St Francis de Sales Acc: 34143580 Sort 60-06-33.

## **PARISH GROUP MEETINGS**

### **YOUTH GROUP**

All young parishioners are welcome members. Contact: Laura Bourne via [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk)

### **ADULT CHOIR**

Thursdays at 7:30pm. New members are welcome Contact: Yvonne at [yhegarty@talktalk.net](mailto:yhegarty@talktalk.net)

### **KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm in the meeting Room. New members very welcome. Contact: William Rons [williamrons@hotmail.com](mailto:williamrons@hotmail.com)

### **CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)**

Second Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room 2:00pm. Contact: Margaret Walsh. Please check the parish notices in this newsletter

### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

We have a small, friendly group whose members can visit to chat or just to lend a listening ear. Please contact the parish priest to arrange a visit.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)**

Monthly meetings arranged by the SVP group. Contact can be made through the parish priest.

### **CATENIANS (Meopham Circle)**

First Wednesday each month at 7.30pm at Hartley Country Club. Contact Les Bober on 07811 407386 or Steve Lewis, on 07305 360305 if you would like to learn more about us.

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk). **Newsletter items received after 11.00am Thursday may not be included that week.**

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