



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

**Parish Newsletter 18th February 2024**

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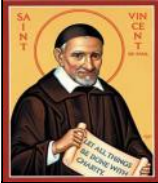
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN:
SUNDAY 18th FEB	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>Tuesday to Friday</b> 8:45am-4:00pm
VIGIL 5:30pm	Int.	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
8.30am	Int.	<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
10:15am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
MON 19th FEB	PRIVATE MASS	<b>NO Mass on Monday</b>
TUES 20th FEB	Int.	<b>Tuesday to Friday</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> 8:45am to 9:20am
9:30am	Int.	<b>Mass: 9:30am</b>
WED 21st FEB	Int.	<b>Fridays during Lent:</b> <b>Divine Mercy Prayer:</b> 3.00pm
9:30am	Int. JOHN McGARR R.I.P.	<b>Stations of the Cross:</b> 7.30pm
THUR 22nd FEB	Int. JOHN McGARR R.I.P.	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>
9:30am	Int. JOHN McGARR R.I.P.	<b>Saturday:</b> 5:30pm (Vigil)
FRI 23rd FEB	MARIAN KNELLER R.I.P. 3rd ANNIVERSARY	<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
9:30am	MARIAN KNELLER R.I.P. 3rd ANNIVERSARY	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Tuesday to Friday</b> 8:45-9:20am
		<b>Saturday</b> 4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like prayers and Mass offered for your loved one's intention, or for your own intention, please take a Mass Intention envelope from the table in the porch, fill in the details and return it to Fr Clement. An offering of at least £10 should be placed inside the envelope. You can also use the contactless machine in the church, by choosing the 'Mass Intention' option, or by BACs payment to the Nat West Parish Account 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, referencing 'Mass Intention' against your offering. As our Mass is livestreamed, please seek consent from any living person before submitting an intention for them. Thank you for your consideration and support.

**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**

**Tel: 07459663652**

**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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Genesis 9:8-15** God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

**Psalm Res:** *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

**1 Peter 3:18-22** That water is a type of the Baptism which saves you now.

**Mark 1: 12-15** Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

**Communion Antiphon:** *One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

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*

## PARISH NOTICES

### 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 on the noticeboard for further information.

Tickets are £10 per adult, £7.50 OAPS or £25 for a family of 2 adults and school age children.

Contact Anna Coffey 07703475720 or Tina Shirley 01474872847/07789862902 to book tickets or for any further assistance. Thankyou

## DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

You are invited to join the Divine Mercy 3o'clock prayer every Friday during this Lenten Season in the church.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we hold our weekly Stations of the Cross every Friday in the church. Time: 7:30pm. Those to co-lead with the Priest are the Lectors

## CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC) MEETING

The CWC will meet on Wednesday 21st February in the Meeting Room, when we look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new. From 2-4pm. All are welcome.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible. Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan the QR code on the noticeboard

**Please return Clergy Support Fund envelopes in the second collection basket this weekend, or use the contactless machine in the church.**

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers. Thankyou

## 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.** Forms are available 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.

## **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. Information can be found in the church or on the parish website. The February Draw will take place this Sunday 23rd after 8:30am Mass.

## **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**

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

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please contact Fr. Clement to arrange a meeting.

### **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 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 information.

### **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

## **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 please speak to Fr Clement as early as possible.

## **PARISH GROUPS MEETINGS**

### **YOUTH GROUP**

All young parishioners are welcome members. Young and Adult leaders meet to plan events. Contact: Laura Bourne via [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk)

### **ADULT CHOIR**

Thursdays at 7:30pm. New members 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)**

2nd Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room 2:00pm. Contact: Margaret Walsh. Please check the Newsletter for notices.

### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

We have a small, friendly group whose members can visit to chat or just to lend a listening ear. Please contact Fr Clement 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

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION 11th February 2024

Envelopes: £53.00    Loose Plate: £152.35

Contactless: £35.00    2nd Collection £109.80

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

Thatch Fund: £210.59

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

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

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 18th February:  
Diocesan Collection for Clergy Support Fund**

### THATCH FUND

**Funds raised: £41,404.16 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 on this  
page or by hard copy- on the shelf in the church  
porch. If you already use the parish Gift Aid  
scheme, please remember to note your GA number  
against gift aided donations. If you do not know  
your GA number, please contact the parish office  
You can also donate via our parish *Justgiving* page  
[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 help!**

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

The parish relies on contributions to maintain  
the church building & presbytery, supporting  
the priest in his ministry, which is the  
Church's Mission.

***Please 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:**

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

**Are you a UK Taxpayer? Please consider  
joining the Parish Gift-Aid Scheme. For every  
£1 you Gift aid, we receive an extra 25p!**

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. Thankyou so much. Your support  
is greatly appreciated.

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Scan QR code  
or visit: [forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/](http://forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/)

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