



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

Parish Newsletter 4th February 2024

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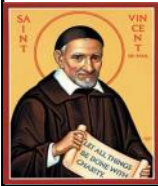
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

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Welcome to Fr Clement-Ipuole Godwin Eru CM

The Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) is a Community of Roman Catholic Priests and brothers founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1625 for the evangelization of the poor and the formation of Clergy.

As you can all see Father Clement Eru has arrived as our new Parish Priest.

Fr Clement was born on 26th December 1981, in Nigeria. He was Ordained in Enugu, Nigeria on 12th August 2016, by Bishop Ralph Heskett C.Ss.R

On behalf of all of the Parish, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Parish here in Hartley and to the Vincentians who will be serving this Parish.

We hope you will be very happy here and we hope you will really enjoy this time with us, as we are a nice and friendly Parish.

Please be assured of our full support and any assistance you may need. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

We are all very pleased you are here with us and I am sure we will all make you feel very welcome.

Thank you so much for being here with us and wishing you a very enjoyable stay here in Hartley.

Anna Coffey

THE CHURCH IS OPEN:

Tue-Fri 8:45am-4:00pm

Sat 10:00am-6:30pm

Sun 7:45am-12noon

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 3rd February

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 4th February

8:30am

10.15am Int. People of the Parish.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tues 6th February

Memorial of Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs.
9:30am

Wed 7th February

9:30am

Thurs 8th February

Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking
9:30am

Friday 9th February

9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Tues-Fri 8:45-9:20am

Saturday 4:30- 5:20pm

or by appointment

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 (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

Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens

Email: hartleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

MASS TEXTS FOR THIS WEEK - FIFTH SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon: *O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Psalms: *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23 I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

Mark 1: 29-39 He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.

Communion Antiphon: *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

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

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2024

Our Lenten journey will begin with Ash Wednesday on 14th February. There will be Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 9:30am and also at 7:30pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND YOUTH GROUP.

To enable our Children's Liturgy and Youth Group to continue, **Victoria and Laura urgently need some adult volunteers to help them in their roles – you would not be asked to bear equal responsibility, just to assist.**

Please speak with Fr Clement and he will then put you in touch with the parish Safeguarding Representative, Judith Stevens, as all volunteers must first have completed a DBS Check for Ministry with Children/Youth Group in the Catholic Church. No experience is required and you will be guided through any necessary training. Please consider helping in one of these rewarding roles. Thankyou.

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE FEBRUARY MEETING

Please note that our February meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21st February, and NOT 14th February.** We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new at the usual time of 2-4pm.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

St. George's Cathedral celebrated Racial Justice Sunday last weekend, welcoming diverse communities from across the Archdiocese. The Cathedral was packed as families and friends came together to celebrate the Archdiocese of Southwark's vibrant and diverse communities.

As well as a celebration of the diverse communities in our Archdiocese, it was also an occasion of solidarity with those who have suffered racism. Archbishop John Wilson used his homily to call out racism and make it clear racism is wrong and will not be tolerated in the Church or in our society.

To read Archbishop John's homily, please click <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/racial-justice-sunday-mass-2024/>

To watch the Mass on the Diocesan Youtube channel, click **<https://youtu.be/cwnra7P7Ufl>**

Visit The Archdiocese of Southwark website at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk for more news and events **[Our 2nd Collection this weekend will go to support the work of The Catholic Association for Racial Justice. Thankyou for your kind support.](#)**

SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALITY FORUM ZOOM MEETINGS

If you are interested in spirituality, or perhaps have taken part in the Southwark Spirituality Lent and Advent online retreats and reflections in recent years, the Southwark Spirituality Commission has an exciting opportunity to share with all who live and work in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Existing members of the Commission wish to offer the possibility of creating a Spirituality Forum. The aim of the Forum is to create a space where those who share a passion for fostering prayer and spiritual growth among the people and parishes of the Archdiocese can meet and explore ways of supporting one another, working together and sharing resources. Two Zoom meetings will be held, to which all are welcome:

Tuesday 6th February, 7 pm - 8.30 pm

Wednesday 7th February, 10 am - 11.30 am

Book online via website **www.rcsouthwark.co.uk**

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 then submit a *Sharing my Time & Talents* form, also in the porch. Alternatively please speak with Fr Clement if you would like to discuss becoming involved in the parish in any way.

PARISH DATABASE - ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If you did not submit a Parish Database Form in 2020, please do so now - you may not otherwise show in the parish records as being parishioners. Please check with the parish office to confirm.

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 by using the contactless machine- choose Mass Intention. Thankyou
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 is made through the parish priest.

DONATION BOX FOR GRAVESEND FOODBANK

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

'SEEKING SANCTUARY' - support for migrants

Donations of warm clothing and toiletries can be placed into the blue box in the Meeting Room.

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 regularly.

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend weekend Mass and speak with Fr. Clement afterwards to register for the Course.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On Sundays at the 10.15am Mass, 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 this time. Thankyou for your consideration.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION and EUCHARIST
Class takes place 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. Likewise, if you have received the Sacraments of Initiation and would like to learn more about the Faith, you are welcome to join the meetings. Please speak to the parish priest if you would like to discuss anything regarding RCIA.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PAPERWORK 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 process.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 28th January 2024

Envelopes: £48.45 Loose Plate: £66.65

Contactless: £5.00 Online banking: £649.50

Thatch Fund: £47.00

Thank you for your contributions to support the parish.

Please check that your GA number with the correct Date & Collection name are noted on your envelope.

Thankyou

Our Diocesan 2nd Collection this weekend is for:

CARJ - Catholic Association for Racial Justice

THATCH FUND

Funding raised: £40,792.22 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

'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** 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

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or visit: forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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'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 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 S.C. 60-06-33.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

YOUTH GROUP

All young parishioners are welcome members. Contact: Laura Bourne via hartley@rcaos.org.uk

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays at 7:30pm. New members are welcome Contact: Yvonne at 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

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

Second Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room 2:00pm. Contact: Margaret Walsh. The CWC hope to meet in February. Please check the newsletter parish notices. Thankyou.

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 office.

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. **Newsletter items received after 11.00am Thursday may not be included that week.**

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