



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

Parish Newsletter 24th March 2024

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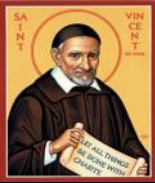
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN:
SUNDAY 24th MAR	PALM SUNDAY	Tuesday to Friday
VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. MAUREEN WILDE— THANKSGIVING	8:45am-4:00pm
	Int. PAUL JAMES – HEALING	Saturday
8.15am	Int. HOLY SOULS (PROCESSION FROM WHITE FRIARS)	10:00am-6:30pm
10:15am	Int. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	Sunday
MON 25th MARCH	PRIVATE MASS	7:45am-12noon
TUES 26th MAR	Int. ANONYMOUS INTENTION	WEEKDAY MASSES
9:30am	Int. MARY HALPIN— HEALING	See page 2 inside
WED 27th MARCH	CHRISM MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL 11:00AM	WEEKEND MASSES
	NO MASS IN THE PARISH	Saturday:
THUR 28th MARCH	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:30pm (Vigil)
7:30pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Sunday:
FRI 29th MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY	8:30am and 10.15am
2:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
3:00pm	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like prayers and Mass offered for your loved ones' 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 made, or 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 note if you wish your intention to be private or seek or consent from living persons before submitting an intention. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUES & FRI 9.00am -11, 1.30-3.00pm; THURS 10.00am - 2.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Clement 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 PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalm Res: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself; but God raised him high

Mark: 14: 1-15:47 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

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

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH DIVINE MERCY PRAYER 3:00pm and STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30pm

Proceeds from our weekly Lent fasting will be collected after Stations of the Cross and all donations will be used at the end of Lent to assist the poor. If you do not carry cash, please use the contactless machine in the porch.

EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

Our Easter Collection on 30/31st March 2024 is our personal Easter Gift to Fr Clement. If you will be away from the parish for Easter, you can make your offering now by either using the Easter Offering envelopes that are on the table in the porch, or the Contactless machine. You may also give by Bank Transfer to the parish Nat West Bank account St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort code 60-06-33, reference **Easter Offering** Thankyou in advance for your kindness

EASTER 2024

Palm Sunday 23/24 March.
Procession from White Friars
Masses: (Sat. 5.30pm), 8.15am, 10:15am

Monday 25th March
No Mass

Tuesday 26th March
Morning Mass: 9:30am

Wednesday 27th March
NO MASS IN THE PARISH
Chrism Mass at 11am
St. George's Cathedral, Southwark

TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 28th March
Divine Office/Morning Prayer: 9:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30 pm

Good Friday 29th March
Divine Office/Morning Prayer: 9:30am
Parish Stations of the Cross: 2:00pm
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm
Divine Mercy Novena Day 1 (private)

Holy Saturday 30th March
Divine Office/Morning Prayer: 10:00am
Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 (private)
Resurrection of the Lord: Vigil in the Holy Night 7:30pm

EASTER SEASON

Easter Sunday 31st March
8.30am, 10.15am
Divine Mercy Novena Day 3 (private)

Monday 1st - Friday 5th April
Divine Mercy Novena Day 4-8 (private)
Please note, No morning Masses celebrated during this week

Saturday 6th April
Divine Mercy Prayer Novena Day 9: 3:00pm

Sunday 7th April
Masses (Sat 5:30pm) 8:30am, 10:15am
Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at 3.00pm

Fr. Clement wishes you a fruitful Holy Week and a Blessed Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

The walk will start at Saint Mary Magdalene, Longfield at 9am and finish at St Peter and Paul, Ash, at 1:30pm. (6miles approx) Stops will be made along the way at our local Churches and public spaces to bear witness with hymns and prayer. The walk may be joined at any point along the way. Further details from Carol Wilton

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR TAX YEAR 6th APRIL 2024-5th APRIL 2025.

For parishioners who are on the parish Gift Aid scheme and who use envelopes for Offertory and Special/2nd Collections, your new box of envelopes is ready to be picked up this weekend from the Meeting room after all Masses.

Also, for those who make Offertory donations by Bank Standing Order, envelopes with your GA number are available for Special/2nd Collection donations. Please ask if you are unsure of your GA number.

All Tax payers may also use the White One-Off donation envelopes available in the porch.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated

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 Fr Clement and then register on the Parish Database. Forms are available in the porch, or on the parish website.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Membership 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 website.

The 200 Club Draw for March will take place on Easter Sunday March 31st 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 help. Contact us through 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 attend Sunday Mass and speak to Fr. Clement for advice on how to proceed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - FOR CHILDREN IN YR-Y2

Sundays at 10.15am. 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

RECEIVING COMMUNION

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

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 GROUP MEETINGS

YOUTH GROUP

Leaders meet regularly to plan events. Contact: Laura Bourne via hartley@rcaos.org.uk

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays at 7:30pm. New members welcome. Contact: Yvonne at yhegarty@talktalk.net

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm.

Contact William Rons williamrons@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

Second Wednesday each month at 2:00pm. Contact: Margaret Walsh.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 17th MARCH 2024

Envelopes: £78.00 Loose Plate: £162.15

Contactless: £60.00 2nd Collection: £100.02

Bank Standing Orders and Thatch Fund update will be noted at the end of each month.

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

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**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 24th March:
Palms and new Easter Candle**

**There will be a papal collection on Good Friday
March 29th for the Holy Places of Palestine.**

*Please check that your GA number, Date, and 1st/
name of 2nd Collection, are noted on the envelope*

THATCH FUND

FUNDS RAISED FEBRUARY 29th 2024: £41,601.60

TARGET AMOUNT £55,000.00 MINIMUM

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.

Alternatively, please 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, you can Gift Aid your donations - please scan the QR code below or take a hard copy from the shelf in the church porch. If you already use the parish Gift Aid scheme, please note your GA number to donations. If you do not know your GA number, contact the parish office.

You can also donate via our parish *Justgiving* page **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 so much

'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 assistance

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