



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

Parish Newsletter 31st March 2024

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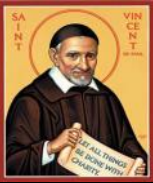
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR B Mass Book page 255

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN:
SUNDAY 31st MAR EASTER VIGIL 7:30pm	EASTER SUNDAY Int. DAVID EATON, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE. Int. HOLY SOULS	FROM TUES 9th APRIL Tuesday to Friday 8:45am-4:00pm
8:30am	Int. WALL FAMILY, FOR SUCCESS AND BLESSINGS	Saturday 13th April 10:00am-6:30pm
10:15am	Int. ROBERT AND ARIT EKPO 10th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	Sunday 14th April 7:45am-12noon
MON 1st APRIL		
TUES 2nd APRIL	NO PARISH MASS	WEEKDAY MASSES FROM TUES 9th APRIL
WED 3rd APRIL	NO PARISH MASS	9:00am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer
THUR 4th APRIL	NO PARISH MASS	9:30am Mass
FRI 5th APRIL	NO PARISH MASS	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 7th April 5:30pm Vigil Mass
MASS INTENTIONS To have prayers and Mass offered for loved ones, or for your own intention, please use a Mass Intention envelope from the table in the porch and return it to Fr Clement. An offering of at least £10 can be placed in the envelope, or given by using the 'Mass Intention' option on the Contactless machine or by BACS payment to the Nat West Parish Account 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, reference 'Mass Intention'. As our Mass is livestreamed, please note if you wish your intention to be private or seek consent from living persons before submitting an intention for them. Thank you.		Sunday: 8:30am and 10.15am CONFESSIONS Saturday 7th April 4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment

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 EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection

Psalm Res: *This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad*

Colossians 3:1-4 You must look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is

John 20: 1-9 He must rise from the dead

Communion Antiphon: *Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

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, peace, and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

The Easter Offering Collection on 30/31st March 2024 is our personal gift to Fr Clement.

You can make your offering by using either 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 for your kindness.

EASTER SEASON 2024

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 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 Blessed Easter.

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, please collect your envelopes with your GA number for Special/2nd Collection donations. Please ask if you are unsure of your GA number.

All Tax payers can 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.'

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

Resumes Sunday 21st April 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 24th MARCH 2024

Envelopes: £64.00 Loose Plate: £100.35

Contactless: £21.00 2nd Collection: £130.15

March Bank Standing Orders £2,078.00

March Thatch Fund Donations £211.13

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION 30/31st MARCH: EASTER GIFT OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

Easter Offering envelopes are available on the table in the porch, or please use the Contactless machine. You can also give by Bank Transfer to the parish Nat West Bank account no. 34143580 Sort code 60-06-33, reference **Easter Offering** Thankyou

GOOD FRIDAY PAPAL COLLECTION 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

AMOUNT AS OF MARCH 29th 2024: **£41,812.73**

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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