



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

*Parish Newsletter 3rd March 2024*

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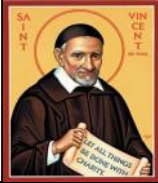
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN:
SUNDAY 3rd MAR	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>Tuesday to Friday</b> 8:45am-4:00pm
VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
8.30am	Int. HOLY SOULS	<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
10:15am	Int. HOLY SOULS	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
MON 4th MAR	PRIVATE MASS	<b>Monday</b> Private Mass
TUES 5th MAR	Int. ANONYMOUS INTENTION	<b>Tuesday to Friday</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> 8:45am to 9:20am
9:30am		<b>Mass:</b> 9:30am
WED 6th MAR	Int.	<b>Fridays during Lent:</b> <b>Divine Mercy Prayer:</b> 3.00pm
9:30am		<b>Stations of the Cross:</b> 7.30pm
THUR 7th MAR	Int.	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>
9:30am		<b>Saturday:</b> 5:30pm (Vigil)
FRI 8th MAR	Int. SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS	<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
9:30am		<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 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 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 note if you wish your intention to be private or seek or consent from living persons 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Exodus 20: 1-17** The Law was given through Moses.

**Psalm Res:** *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

**1 Corinthians 1:22-25** Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

**John 2:13-25** Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

**Communion Antiphon:** *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

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

A final reminder for our Barn Dance/Ceilidh at Longfield and New Barn Village Hall, Fawkham Road, Longfield. DA3 7QP. Doors open at 7pm

There will be a Live Band and Caller provided by **The Aqueducts**. It is a very 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 & school age children.

If you haven't already booked your Tickets or you need further assistance, please contact **Anna Coffey 07703475720** or **Tina Shirley 01474872847/07789862902** Thankyou

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

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

### 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.

**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. Thankyou for your charitable giving.**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

On weekdays Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, from 8:45-9:20 there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.

#### \*SAVE THE DATE\*

We are pleased to announce our Annual Parish Fete will be on Saturday 8th June 2024 between 12 Noon and 4pm. More Details soon.

#### 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**

**February Draw : 1st Prize £50 no.9 B. Ring. 2nd Prize £25 no.44 A. Inman**

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.

## **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 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 during school term.

### **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

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

### **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 GROUP 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.

### **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 25th February 2024

Envelopes: £ 68.50 Loose Plate: £108.29

Contactless: £61.00 CAFOD Collection £157.75

Bank Standing Order figures for the month of

February amounted to £2,079.00

Thatch Fund: £77.58

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

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

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 3rd March:**

**Parish Needs**

### THATCH FUND

**Funds raised: £ 41,554.15 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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