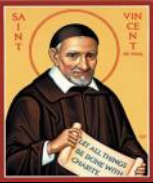




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Parish Newsletter 11th August 2024  
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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SUNDAY 11th August		<b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am-3:00pm
SAT VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. Holy Souls	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 8:30am	Int. People of the Parish	<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
SUN 10:15am	Int. Fr. Clement and Classmates, 8 years Ordination	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> <b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am Mass
MON 12th August	Private Mass	<b>Sat 10th - Mon 12th</b> Private Novena Prayer
TUES 13th August 9:30am 7:00pm	Feria Int. Anonymous Intention Day 7 Assumption Novena Prayer	<b>Tues 13th -Thurs 15th</b> 7:00pm Novena Prayer in the church
WED 14th August 9:30am 7:00pm	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Int. Holy Souls Day 8 Assumption Novena Prayer	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 5:30pm
THUR 15th August 9:30am 7:00pm	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Int. Bernie & Jim Harbinson 65th Wedding Anniversary Day 9 Assumption Novena Prayer and Mass	<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
FRI 16th August 9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:40am - 9:20am <b>Saturday</b> 4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment

**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 donation can be placed in the envelope, or given by using the 'Mass Intention' option on the Contactless machine or by BACS payment to Nat West Parish Account St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, reference 'Mass Intention'. As our Mass is livestreamed, please make it known if you wish your intention to be private, or seek consent from living persons before submitting an intention for them. Thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY 10.00am - 2.00pm**

Parish Priest: Fr Clement 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

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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*

### **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 register on the Parish Database. Forms are available in the porch/on the parish website.

### **CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES**

Parishioners are asked to first check the SACRAMENTS section on the parish website for general information, then speak with Fr Clement for any further advice. Those wishing to enrol for Sacramental programs should be registered attending parishioners.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

For children aged 4 -7years old and takes place on Sundays during 10.15am Mass.

Please note, our Children's Liturgy will resume after the summer break, on Sunday 8th September.

### **APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE**

At least one more leader/helper will be needed to assist with Children's Liturgy from September. If you can help maybe on a rota basis, please speak to Fr Clement, or to Victoria Chaney, for details. Thank you.

### **FR CLEMENT'S 8th PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY**

Fr Clement will be eight years in the Priesthood on Monday the 12th August. Kindly remember to pray for him, thank you.

**He is inviting everyone to come along and join him and his classmates for lunch/BBQ on Monday 12th from 2pm onwards in his garden in White Friars.**

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.**

On Thursday 15th of August, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; it is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. **Please note, there will be two Masses in the parish on Assumption Day - 9:30am and 7:00pm.**

### **NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, 7th – 15th AUGUST.**

We continue our Assumption Novena - 9 days of prayer - with private prayer this weekend and on Monday 12th, then in the church at 7:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday. We will finish on Thursday 15th August, Assumption Day, before the evening Mass.

I encourage you to be join us as we are making our nine days of prayer, and during this time, I invite you to write your intentions and post them in the Shrine Intentions box so that we can pray together asking the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercession.

### **PERMANENT DIACONATE**

If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church - you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon?

If you require further information about the

Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, Fr Clement, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: [ianblack@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ianblack@rcaos.org.uk).

### **NEW LECTIONARY**

The Church in England and Wales, including in our Archdiocese, has decided to update our Lectionary (the book containing the readings which are proclaimed at Mass).

This will take effect from the First Sunday of Advent this year - 1st December 2024.

Therefore our Sunday Mass books, along with any other books we use, will also expire soon, and we have now to place an order in time. The new Sunday Mass Books for Years A,B,C, with 2 volumes per year cost £5.95 per copy – and are on offer at £5 per copy for pre-ordering – allowing us a saving of £684.00.

Donations may be given by cash/cheque or by contactless machine. If you wish to make a BACS payment, please reference Lectionary, Gospels, or Mass Books to the parish bank Account: St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort Code 30-06-33. Please let us know the names you would like inscribed in the books you are sponsoring. Thank you.

***Thank you very much for all the donations received so far to sponsor our new Lectionary and Mass books, your support is greatly appreciated. May the Lord who knows you, bless you all.***

### **CHURCH/WHITEFRIARS GARDENING**

We thank the parishioners who have been making time to clear around the church and the garden at White Friars, doing what is called 'Mission Work.' You're appreciated. God bless you all.

We will continue every other weekend; if you have an hour or two to spare, come and join in; any help will be gratefully welcomed. Thankyou in advance for your time and help.

### **ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB**

Membership to the 200 Club is welcomed and open to anyone over 16yrs and costs £24 annually per number for the chance to win a prize each month. All relevant information can be found on the shelf in the church porch or on the parish website.

Subscriptions for next year's monthly draws September 2024 - August 2025 can be paid now and are due by 12th September at the latest. If you have any queries, please speak with Tina Shirley or Kate Whittaker.

### **KENT CHURCHES SPONSORED BIKE & HIKE on Saturday September 14th 2024**

As part of this annual event which raises money for the upkeep of Kent's beautiful Churches, I will be leading a sponsored walk around round our local churches. A warm welcome, tea and cakes are offered at each church. Half the money raised will come to our church, and help to replace the thatch. Please join us on the walk, or sponsor a walker. Over the years this event has raised several thousand pounds for our church.

For further details, email Carol Wilton [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com)

### **SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAYS.**

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has a [number of activities in 2024](#) for youth and young adults. We are inviting parents to encourage their children to attend these events, which are a great opportunity to meet other young people in our Archdiocese.

**The next Youth Day for 10-14year olds will be on Saturday 28th September 2024 at Richard Challoner School.** Contact our Parish Youth Leader, Laura Bourne, via the parish office if you are interested in your child attending as part of a parish group.

See the poster on the church noticeboard, or for queries, email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION 4th August 2024

Envelopes £56.00 Loose cash: £136.45

Contactless: £68.00

2nd Collection: £177.80

*Your support is greatly appreciated.*

**2nd Collection this weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>  
August: Parish Needs**

Please check that your GA number, Date, and 1st/2nd Collection, are noted correctly on all envelopes. Thank you.

### THATCH FUND

**AMOUNT RAISED as of 31st JULY 2024:**

**£43, 647.25**

**TARGET AMOUNT £55,000.00 MINIMUM**

Please support the Thatch Fund by:

- Weekly donation in the Thatch Fund Box
- Use the Contactless machine in the porch.
- 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.**

Donate online through our *Justgiving page*:  
**[www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)**

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE.

For Tax Year 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025 for all donors of 1st/2nd/Special Collections who are registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme. Please ask after weekend Mass for your envelopes.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH FINANCIALLY:

(i) **Bank Monthly Standing Order to Nat West Bank Account:** name: St Francis de Sales Account number : 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33.

(ii) Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes (please contact the parish office to sign up)

(iii) Through *Givealittle* on the parish website

(iv) Use the Contactless Machine in the church porch or in the collection baskets.

(v) Cash, or Cheque payable to **RCAS Hartley**

(vi) Use the One-off Donation envelopes

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