



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

Parish Newsletter 1st September 2024

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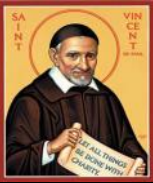
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B Mass Book page 126

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SUNDAY 1st September	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm
SAT VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 8:30am	Int. Karen and Howard Bonner, celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 10:15am	Int. Holy Souls	WEEKDAY MASSES
MON 2nd September	Private Mass	Tues, Wed, and Fri. 8:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
TUES 3rd September	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9:30am: Mass
9:30am	Int. Anonymous Intention	PLEASE CHECK THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK FOR CHANGES
WED 4th September	Feria/Saint Cuthbert, Bishop	WEEKEND MASSES
9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
THUR 5th September	Feria	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
	Please note: NO MASS	CONFESSIONS
FRI 6th September	Feria	Saturday 4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment
9:30am	Int. Holy Souls	

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 (Day off: Mon)

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST

DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Tel: 07872572994

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton

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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 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.

Help is needed to assist with Children's Liturgy from September. If you can help at all on a rota basis, please speak to Fr Clement, or to Victoria Chaney, for more details. Thank you in advance for your help.

FR CLEMENT

Fr Clement sends his regards to everyone and deep gratitude for your prayers and good wishes. We thank Fr Michael Denis CM and the Vincentian Community, along with Fr Jude Iroh MSP, for covering our Masses. **Please check the newsletter for any changes. Thank you for your support.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

For parents whose children are in school Year 3 or above, and who are seeking to enrol their children onto the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation and the Eucharist, application forms will be available after Saturday/Sunday Masses from this weekend. The closing date to return forms will be Monday 30th September. Thank you.

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

NEW LECTIONARY

The Church in England and Wales, including in our Archdiocese, has decided to update our Lectionary, taking effect from the First Sunday of Advent this year - 1st December 2024. Therefore our Sunday Mass books, and any other books we use, will also expire soon and we have to place our order now. The new Sunday Mass Books for Years A,B,C, have 2 volumes per year, costing £5.95 per

copy. These are on offer at £5 per copy for pre-ordering – a saving of £684.00. **Thank you very much for all the donations received so far to sponsor the new books, your support is greatly appreciated. May the Lord who knows you, bless you all.**

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

CHURCH/WHITEFRIARS GARDENING

We hope to continue on alternate Saturdays in September with our gardening work at the presbytery and on the church grounds. If you have some time to spare, please come along, any help will be gratefully welcomed.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

August Draw winners: 1st prize £50, no.93 H. Bonner; 2nd prize £25, no.25 B. Mullan.

Subscription for September 2024 - August 2025 must be renewed by 12th September.

Membership to the 200 Club is open for anyone over 16yrs and costs £24 annually per number for the chance to win a prize each month. All relevant information can be found in the church porch or on the parish website Contact Tina at tinashirley28@gmail.com or by phone: 01474 872847 or 07789862902.

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

To raise money for the upkeep of Kent's beautiful Churches, I will be leading a sponsored walk around our local churches. A warm welcome, tea and cakes are offered at each church. Please join us on the walk, or sponsor a walker. Half the money raised will come to our church, and help to replace the thatch. Email Carol carolwilton0@gmail.com

CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION:

The message from Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024, comes from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans calling us to 'Hope and Act with Creation'. The official Season of Creation (1st Sept - 4 Oct 2024) website and [GUIDE](#) is now ready and gives a lot of suggestions of ways to participate.

Join the global online ecumenical prayer service to get the Season started on Sunday 1st September 2pm by clicking [here](#)

EDUCATION SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2024

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September, just as the new academic year starts, and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. **Our 2nd Collection next Sunday will be in support of The Catholic Education Service (CES).**

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAYS

Helping young people to understand their faith, and build community through sports, games, crafts, and pizza!

1. YOUTH DAY FOR 10-14 YEAR OLDS

on Saturday 28th September 2024 at Richard Challoner School.

2. YOUTH RETREAT FOR 13-17 YEAR OLDS

on Saturday 12th October at St. John Fisher School, City Way, Rochester.

Parents, please encourage your children to attend, it is a great opportunity to unite as a parish youth group and meet other young people in our Archdiocese. Contact Laura Bourne via hartley@rcaos.org.uk if you would like your child to attend as part of a supervised parish group.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 25th August 2024

Envelopes £76.00 Loose cash: £122.90

Contactless: £35.00

2nd Collection: £126.45

Standing Orders August 2024: £1,640.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

**2nd Collection this weekend 1st
September: 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 AUGUST 2024:

£43,898.48

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

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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