



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

Parish Newsletter 4th August 2024

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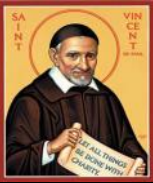
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SUNDAY 4th August		Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm
SAT VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. Holy Souls	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 8:30am	Int. Colin Toulson R.I.P. 80th Birthday	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am Mass
MON 5th August	Private Mass	Wed 7th- Thurs 15th 7:00pm Novena Prayer
TUES 6th August 9:30am	The Transfiguration of The Lord, Feast. Int. Sick and housebound parishioners	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
WED 7th August 9:30am 7:00pm	Feria/ Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs. Int. Anonymous Intention Assumption Novena Prayer	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR 8th August 9:30am 7:00pm	Saint Dominic, Priest, Memorial. Int. Holy Souls Assumption Novena Prayer	CONFESSIONS Tuesday - Friday 8:40am - 9:20am Saturday 4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment
FRI 9th August 9:30am 7:00pm	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr. Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners Assumption Novena Prayer	

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 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.

SUMMER RETREAT

The AKWA-CROSS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY UK will be holding their Summer Retreat here in our parish, at St Francis de Sales Church, on 10th August 2024, beginning at 11:00am.

Kindly pop in to welcome them if you are available.

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 join him and his classmates for lunch/BBQ on Monday 12th from 2pm 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.

On Tuesday 6th August, we will celebrate The Feast of The Transfiguration of The Lord, and our Assumption Novena - 9 days of prayer - will start the day after, on Wednesday August 7th through to Thursday 15th August, Assumption Day.

The daily time for our Novena prayers will be 7:00pm – 7:45pm in the church.

I encourage you to join us as we make 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.

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 for the change over. The overall costs are:

1. New Lectionary, 4 Volumes @ £175.00 per volume, total £695.00
2. New Book of the Gospels, £275.00
New Lectionary Study, £250.00

Pre-ordering and payment allows us a 15% discount of £183.00 on these books.

4. New Sunday Mass Books for Years A,B,C, with 2 volumes per year @ £5.95 per copy—*on offer at £5 per copy for pre-ordering—allowing us a saving of £684.00.*

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

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.*

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

July Draw winners: 1st Prize £50 no. 58 Mary Halpin. 2nd Prize £25 no. 45

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.

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; anyone is welcome to come and join in. Thankyou for your time and help.

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 on September 14th. 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

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 28th JULY 2024

Envelopes £33.00 Loose cash: £54.00

Contactless: £112.00 2nd Collection: £94.40

Standing Orders for July £2,646.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

**2nd Collection this weekend 3rd/4th 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

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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