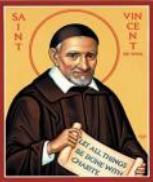




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Parish Newsletter 15th September 2024
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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SUNDAY 15th September		EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SUNDAY	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm
SAT VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. Holy Souls	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	8:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners.	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tues, Wed, and Fri. 8:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass PLEASE CHECK THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK FOR CHANGES
MON 16th September		Private Mass	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
TUES 17th September	9:30am	Feria/St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop Int. Holy Souls	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
WED 18th September	9:30am	Feria/St Edith of Kemsing Int. Anonymous Intention	CONFESSIONS Saturday 4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment
THUR 19th September		Feria/St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop Please note: NO MASS	
FRI 20th September	9:30am	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong, Companions, M Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners.	

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
Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

Email: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk
Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens
Email: hartleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

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.

FR CLEMENT

Fr Clement sends his blessings to everyone and deep gratitude for your continued prayers and kind wishes. We thank Fr Michael Denis CM and the Vincentian Community, along with Fr Jude Iroh MSP, for continuing to cover our Masses for the next week or so. Please check the newsletter or your email for any updates, thank you.

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.

Please read the notices in the newsletter regarding application forms. Thank you

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend Sunday Mass and ask the priest for a Baptism Application form and Mass Attendance form. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: SUNDAY 15th SEPT

For children aged 4 -7years on Sundays during 10.15am Mass. Please bring your child into the Mass for Fr to bless before going with Leaders to the Meeting Room. If you can assist the current leaders on a rota basis, please speak to Fr Clement, or to Victoria Chaney, for more details. Thank you

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 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 & Eucharist, please ask the priest for an application form after Saturday/Sunday Masses, with your child attending. The closing date to return forms will be Monday 30th September. Parents will be contacted soon after the closing date with further details. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For young people in Secondary School Yr8 or above who are interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, application forms will be available from this weekend to pick up from the church. Please ask the priest for a form after attending Mass. The closing date to apply is Monday 7th October. If you submitted a form last year, you do not need to reapply. All parents will be contacted with further information in October. Thank you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?
If you have never been baptized, or 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 further.

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

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, please contact Fr. Clement as early as possible

'EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY' 15th SEPT

Today, we are encouraged to pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness. Read a reflection by Southwark Director of Mission, Fr Jan Nowotnik, called *Living out the Joy of the Gospel*. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday-24-reflection/>

NEW LECTIONARY

As you are aware, from the First Sunday of Advent this year - 1st December 2024, we will have to replace our Sunday Mass books, and other books we use. The Sunday Mass Books Years A,B,C, (2 volumes per year) cost £5 per copy for pre-ordering, a saving £684.00.

Thank you very much for donations received so far to sponsor the new Lectionaries and Mass books, your support is greatly appreciated. May the Lord who knows you, bless you all. Donations may be made by cash or cheque, by using the contactless machine, or by 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 & church grounds. If you have some time to spare, please come along any help will be gratefully welcomed.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Subscriptions for the year September 2024 to August 2025 should now be renewed. Membership to the 200 Club is open for anyone over 16yrs. 1 number costs £24 annually 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 tinashirley28@gmail.com or phone: 01474 872847 or 07789862902.

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. Please contact Laura Bourne if you would like your child to attend with a supervised parish group. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 8th Sept 2024

Envelopes £50.00 Loose cash: £100.18

Contactless: £91.25

2nd Collection CES : £111.42

Your support is greatly appreciated.

2nd Collection this weekend: Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation

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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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. Thank you!

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forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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