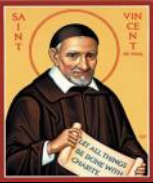




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Parish Newsletter 29th September 2024
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B Mass Book page 138

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SUNDAY 29th September			Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm
SAT VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. Rianna Kaur Deol R.I.P. 23rd Birthday.	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	8:30am	Int. Sarah Halpin R.I.P.	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	
MON 30th September		St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Private Mass	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday
TUES 1st October	9:30am	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of Ch. Int. Sarah Halpin R.I.P.	8:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
WED 2nd October	9:30am	The Holy Guardian Angels Int. Holy Souls	
THUR 3rd October	9:30am	Feria Anonymous Intention	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
FRI 4th October	9:30am	Saint Francis of Assisi, Memorial Sick and Housebound parishioners	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am

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.

CONFESSIONS

Tues-Fri
08:50-09:20am
Saturday
4:30pm to 5:20pm
or by appointment

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

Parish Priest: Fr Clement Eru CM
Email: clementeru@rcaos.org.uk (*Day off: Mon*)

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton
Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST
DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

Tel: 07872572994

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.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MARY ODIJE ERU

On behalf of the Eru family, Fr Clement would like to extend sincere gratitude to the parish community of St Francis de Sales for your prayers and condolences on the recent loss of our beloved daughter and sister, Mary Odije Eru. Your support has been a consolation to us. God bless you all.

CHURCH/WHITEFRIARS GARDENING

We will continue with our gardening work at the presbytery & church grounds on alternate Saturdays. If you can spare some time, please come along, any help will be gratefully welcomed. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On Friday, we celebrated the Solemnity of St Vincent de Paul, founder of the Congregation of the Mission – the Vincentians, who, in Fr Clement and the Vincentian Community, serve our parish.

Please join us in the meeting room after 10:15am Mass on Sunday for some light refreshments to celebrate as a community.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend is in support for the Mission of the Vincentians.

NEW LECTIONARY AND MASS BOOKS

As you are aware, from the First Sunday of Advent this year - 1st December 2024, we have to replace our Lectionaries and Sunday Mass books. The Sunday Mass Books Years A,B,C, (2 volumes per year) cost £5 per copy for pre-ordering. Gratitude for donations received so far to sponsor the new books. 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 Account: St Francis de Sales Acc: 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.

VISIT TO MINSTER ABBEY SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 2024.

A final appeal to anyone considering this to register their interest so that we can decide whether or not to proceed. Information can be found in the church entrance.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next ecumenical Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 5th October from 9 o'clock in the Meeting Room. Please let Carol Wilton know if you will be joining us. carolwilton0@gmail.com

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.

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 29th SEPT

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

Parents of children in school Year 3 or above, seeking to enrol their children onto the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & Eucharist, please attend Mass with your child and ask the priest for an application form. The closing date to return forms will be Monday 30th September. Parents will be contacted after the closing date with further details.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For parents of young people in School Yr8 or above who are interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please attend Mass and ask the priest for an application form. 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 later 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 for further help.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, involved in services within your parish and community, and 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, speak to Fr. Clement, or contact: 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, contact Fr. Clement as early as possible

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Thank you to all our new and renewed subscribers for our next year to Sept 2025.

The September Draw takes place on Sunday after 8:30am Mass. Membership to the 200 Club is open for anyone over 16yrs. £24 annually per number for the chance to win a prize each month. Information can be found in the church porch or on the parish website. Contact tinashirley28@gmail.com or phone: 01474 872847 or 07789862902.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 4th October
Harvest Appeal - Live more simply this week and save money to donate to CAFOD for our 2nd Collection next weekend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 22nd Sept 2024

Envelopes £51.00 Loose cash: £66.40

Contactless: £161.55

2nd Collection Parish Needs: £165.24

Your support is greatly appreciated.

2nd Collection this weekend: The Congregation of the Mission- Vincentians

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

Your continued support is greatly needed to help meet our Thatch Fund target. You can

- Place cash in the Thatch Fund Box
- Use the Contactless machine in the church
- Cheque to St Francis de Sales
- 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.**

• Donations Online on 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 box or contact the parish office. **One-Off donations** can also be made using

the white envelopes in the porch, thank you.

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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