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Roman Catholic Parish  
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 8th September 2024

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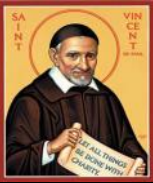
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	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	<b>THE CHURCH IS OPEN</b>
<b>SUNDAY 8th September</b>	<b>EDUCATION SUNDAY</b>	<b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am-3:00pm
<b>SAT VIGIL 5:30pm</b>	Int. People of the Parish	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
<b>SUN 8:30am</b>	Int. Holy Souls	<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
<b>SUN 10:15am</b>	Int. All those involved in Catholic Education	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
<b>MON 9th September</b>	Private Mass	<b>Tues, Wed, and Fri.</b> 8:45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
<b>TUES 10th September</b>	Feria	9:30am: Mass
9:30am	Int. Anonymous Intention	<b>PLEASE CHECK THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK FOR CHANGES</b>
<b>WED 11th September</b>	Feria/Saint Ambrose Barlow, Martyr	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>
9:30am	Int. David Coffey, R.I.P. Anniversary.	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 5:30pm
<b>THUR 12th September</b>	Feria/Most Holy Name of Mary	<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
	Please note: NO MASS	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>FRI 13th September</b>	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>Saturday</b> 4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment
9:30am	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](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 parishioners.

**Please read the notice for Reconciliation and First Communion applications.**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAY 8th 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 in advance for your help.

### **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 covering our Masses. Please check the newsletter for any updates, thank you.

### **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 are available after Saturday/Sunday Masses. 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](mailto:ianblack@rcaos.org.uk)

### **NEW LECTIONARY**

The Church in England and Wales has decided to update our Lectionary, taking effect from the First Sunday of Advent this year - 1st December 2024. Therefore we will have to replace our Sunday Mass books, and other books we use. The Sunday Mass Books for Years A,B,C, with 2 volumes per year, come at a reduced cost of £5 per copy for pre-ordering, 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 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**

**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](mailto:tinashirley28@gmail.com) or by phone: 01474 872847 or 07789862902.

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

'I will be leading a sponsored walk around our local churches. Please join us on the walk, or sponsor a walker. Half the money raised will come to our church.' Carol Wilton. Email [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com)

### **PROPOSED VISIT TO MINSTER ABBEY**

Given enough interest, we hope to arrange a "mini-pilgrimage" on Saturday 5th October to travel and spend a day experiencing the historical, peaceful surroundings of Minster Abbey, Thanet. Leaving at 9:00am and

returning before 5:30pm, the cost for coach travel etc will be approx. £40.00. Please speak to Phil Kerton for more details if you are interested in going.

### **EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY 2024**

*'Growing as missionary disciples'*

This year, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in our parishes on 15th September 2024. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, we are encouraged to pray that our parishes become intentionally missionary in our life and witness.

**A second collection will also be taken next Sunday 15th September to support the work of the Bishops' Conference, Home Mission. Thank you**

### **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 our youth leader Laura Bourne via [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk) if you would like your child to attend.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION 1st Sept 2024

Envelopes £56.00 Loose cash: £119.50

Contactless: £127.00

2nd Collection: £139.30

*Your support is greatly appreciated.*

## 2nd Collection this weekend: Catholic Education Service (CES)

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](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

## DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

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.

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