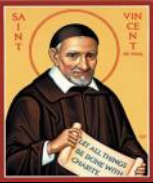




Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 1st December 2024
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 30th November VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. Rose and Bernard Evans, Bert and Jessie Cracknell, R.I.P. and deceased relatives.	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 8:30am	Int. Terry Halpin R.I.P. Anniversary People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
SUN 10:15am	Int: Agostina and Italia Scola R.I.P. Rory Daly. R.I.P.	First Fridays of month 6th December 2024 Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
MON 2nd December	Private Mass	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
TUES 3rd December 9:30am	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial Int: Anonymous Intention. Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:20pm or by appointment
WED 4th December 9:30am	Feria OR St John Damascene, Priest & Martyr Int: Mr & Mrs McDonagh, Mr & Mrs Fresquez. R.I.P.	
THUR 5th December 9:30am	Feria OR St John Almond, Priest & Martyr Int: Brian Lee, Peter Leaver, Fourd Mazouca, Natalie Carter R.I.P.	
FRI 6th December 9:30am	Feria OR Saint Nicolas, Bishop Int: Strength and wellbeing for Simaran Kaur Banger and Rajiv Singh Banger.	
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; please 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**)

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.

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 Fr Clement for a Baptism Application form and Mass Attendance form. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: December 1st

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. Please speak to Fr Clement if you would like to help.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

The next lesson will be on Monday 9th December 2024 3:30-4:30pm in the church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

The next lesson will be on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7:00pm in the church.

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, you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information please speak to Fr. Clement.

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.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – PLEASE REGISTER

Over 18's can fill in a registration form and return it to Fr Clement. For under 18's, parents must give their consent. Forms are in the church porch or on the parish website <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will take place on Friday 6th December from 10:30am-3:30pm, with Divine Mercy Prayer and Benediction at 3:00pm.

A Volunteer sheet is available now in the church porch - please add your name (first name only) and period of time during the day you can spend with the Lord, Thank you.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle will take place on the 22nd December 2024. Tickets will be on Sale all through Advent. £5.00 for a Strip of Tickets or a £1.00 a Ticket. You can pay by Cash or on the Contactless Machine in the Porch. The Prizes are Fantastic Hampers full of Goodies for all the Family. All Proceeds will go to our Church. If you wish to take part but you are unable to attend Mass, please contact the Parish Office and Tickets will be arranged. The Raffle is open to everyone and all can enter. Good Luck

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Thursday 12th December after the 9.30am Mass. Any volunteers will be welcomed to help. If you can volunteer some time that morning please let Tina Shirley know.

NEW MASS BOOKS: REMAINING COSTS

From this Sunday, 1st December 2024, the First Sunday of Advent, Year C, we will begin using the new Lectionaries and Mass books that you have very kindly sponsored.

The remaining Parish Mass Books needed for our use during Mass, at a cost of £5.00 each, are:

18 books for Year A, Vol 2 (£90) and then 120 books each for Year B, Volume 1 and Year B Volume 2. (£1,200)

In total, £1,290

Donations can be made in the usual way by Cash, Cheque, Cashless, Direct Debit to the parish account St Francis de Sales Account number 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33

Thank you in for your generous ongoing support and commitment to the parish.

DATES TO NOTE IN DECEMBER	
Friday 6th December 10:30-3:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Monday 9th December Mass at 9:30am AND Mass at 7:30pm	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin (Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday 13th December 2:00pm Friday 13th December 7:00pm	Children's Reconciliation Service Parish Retreat/ Reconciliation Service
Sunday 15th December 3:00pm	Parish Carol Service
Tuesday 17th December 10:30am	End of Term Mass for OLOH School
Monday 23rd December Tuesday 24th December	No morning Mass No morning Mass
TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER Children's Carols Children's Vigil Mass Adult's Carols Midnight Mass	4:00pm 4:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY	ONE PARISH MASS AT 9:30am
THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER 9:30am	Mass. Int Fr. Clement's Birthday
FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER	No morning Mass
SAT 28th/SUN 29th DECEMBER	Normal weekend Mass: 5:30pm,8:30/10:15am
MON & TUES 30/31st DECEMBER	No morning Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

24th NOV 2024

Envelopes £32.50 Loose cash: £78.63

Contactless: £109.12

2nd Collection 24/11/24: £177.49

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

2nd Collection this weekend: Parish Needs

Kindly check that your GA number, the date, and whether 1st or name of 2nd Collection, are noted correctly on envelopes, thank you.

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT RAISED as of 31st October 2024:

£44,528.85

TARGET AMOUNT £55,000.00 MINIMUM

Urgent support is needed and very greatly appreciated, to help meet our Thatch Fund target.

Donations/£1 per week commitment can be:

- Given in cash via the church Thatch Fund Box
- Given via Contactless machine in the church
- Given by Cheque to 'St Francis de Sales'
- Placed in white envelopes available in church
- Given by a £4 monthly/£52 annual Bank Standing Order at: **Nat West Bank Account name St Francis. Account number 34363181 Sort code 60-06-33.**
- Online, on our parish *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 or contact the parish office.

One-Off donations can also be made using the white envelopes in the porch thankyou. Please add your details to Gift Aid the donation.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH FINANCIALLY

(i) Bank Monthly Standing Order to Nat West Bank Account.

Account name: St Francis de Sales
Account no: 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33.

(ii) Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes (please contact the parish office to sign up)

(iii) Via Givealittle on the parish website

(iv) Use the Contactless Machine in the porch or *handsfree* at collection

(v) 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 small donations to registered charities, so you can raise funds for the parish, whatever you're buying. **Sign up is FREE!**

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Sign up to Gift-Aid & Planned Giving



Scan the QR code or visit:
forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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