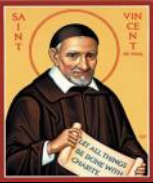




Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish

Archdiocese of Southwark



This parish is served by the Vincentians

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Parish Newsletter

22nd December 2024- 10th January 2025

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<https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 21st December VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. Deceased family and friends of Angela Jones	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm Sat 10:00am-6:30pm Sun 7:45am-12noon
SUN 22nd December 8:30am	Int. Deceased of the Welch and Bicarregui families Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
SUN 10:15am	Int: Dr. Richard Niki R.I.P. Int. People of the Parish	First Fridays of month Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
MON 23rd December	Private Mass	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 8:30, 10.15am
TUES 24th December In the Evening Christmas Vigil Masses	No morning Mass 4:00pm Children's Carols 4:30pm Children's Mass 7:00pm Carols 7:30pm Midnight Mass 10:30pm Carols 11:00pm Midnight Mass	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:20pm or by appointment
WED 25th December 9:30am	Christmas Mass During the Day Int: Celebrant's Intention	<i>Please check the Mass calendar inside this newsletter for changes.</i>
THUR 26th December 9:30am	Int: Fr Clement, Birthday, Ava Chaney-Russell, Birthday; Anne Inman Birthday.	For Daily Prayers and Mass Readings online visit: https://www.universalis.com
FRI 27th December	No Mass	

MASS INTENTIONS: Please use a Mass Intention envelope from 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 please 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

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. Please introduce yourself to Fr Clement and register on the Parish Database. Forms are available in the porch/on the parish website.

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.

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.

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 sign and return the registration form. For under 18's, parents must give their

consent. Forms are in the church porch or on the website <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR CLEMENT

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your hospitality to me, to my brothers of the Congregation of the Mission, and to all visiting priests.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to you to each and every one of you for all you do to serve the parish in various ways, all the time you give generously and all the things you do quietly, and above all for your participation and commitment to Mass and Prayers.

May the Lord bless you with love, hope, joy and peace in this Christmas Season and may He grant you strength, health and blessings for the New Year 2025.

Merry Christmas to you all!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST.

Christmas Envelopes are available now in the porch for your use, or you may give by cash, cheque, Cashless machine, OR by BACS and online banking to: Nat West Bank: Account: St Francis de Sales, Account no. 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33, please use the reference 'Christmas Offering' Please add your Gift Aid number if you are on the parish scheme.

Thank you all for your kindness and support.

PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please note that the Parish Office is now closed for Christmas and will reopen on Friday 10th January 2025. Our Newsletter this week will cover Masses until Friday 10th January 2025. The next newsletter will be on Sunday 12th January 2025.

Should there be any urgent matters or emergencies requiring a priest, please use the contact numbers or email which are noted on the front page of the newsletter.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S PASTORAL LETTER

On the Solemnity of the Holy Family, 28/29th 2024 for the Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Copies are attached to emailed newsletters and are available in the church porch to take and read

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

The December Draw will take place this Sunday 22nd December. There will be three prizes of £160, £100 and £80. Information on how to join is available in the porch or on the parish website. Contact Tina Shirley 07789862902 or email at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

NEW MASS BOOKS

The remaining Parish Mass Books needed for our use during Mass, at a cost of £5.00 each, are: 120 books each for Year B Vol 2 which will cost £600.

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 for your generous ongoing commitment to the parish. God bless you.

27th DEC 2024 - 10th JAN 2025	MASS	Intention
FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER	No Mass	St John, Apostle and Evangelist
SAT 28th DECEMBER The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	5:30pm	Int. Deceased members of the Sullivan, Selby and Smith families.
SUN 29th DECEMBER The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8:30am 10:15am	Int. Anonymous Intention Int. People of the Parish
MONDAY 30th DECEMBER	No Mass	
TUESDAY 31st DECEMBER CROSS-OVER NIGHT RITE OF PASSAGE	10:30pm - 11:30pm 11:30pm Mass	Exposition and Private Adoration, Candlelight Rosary Prayer Int.
WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY 2025 Mary the Holy Mother of God, Solemnity	9:30am	Int. Pope Francis' Intention for World Day of Peace 2025.
THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY	No Mass	<i>St Basil the Great, St Gregory Nazianzen</i>
FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY	No Mass	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
SATURDAY 4th JANUARY Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity	5:30pm	Int. Jim Gregory and Jim Carey R.I.P.
SUNDAY 5th JANUARY Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity	8:30am 10:15am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners. Int. People of the Parish
MONDAY 6 th JANUARY	No Mass	
TUESDAY 7 th JANUARY	No Mass	
WEDNESDAY 8 th JANUARY	No Mass	
THURSDAY 9 th JANUARY	No Mass	
FRIDAY 10th JANUARY	9:30am	Int. Anonymous Intention.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

15th December 2024

Envelopes £59.00 Loose cash: £99.59

Contactless: £65.50

2nd Collection 15/12/24: £106.06

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

2nd Collection this weekend: Parish Needs

Offertory Collection on 24/25th December:

Christmas Offering

Christmas Offering to the Parish Priest 2024:

Envelopes are available in the porch

2nd Collection 29th December: Parish Needs

2nd Collection 5th January: Parish Needs

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

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT RAISED as of 30th November 2024:

£44,702.34

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 OR any other amount by BACS donation 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!**

Support our parish

Sign up to Gift-Aid & Planned Giving



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

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