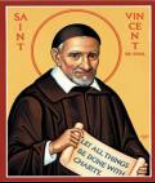




Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
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Parish Newsletter 19th January 2025
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 18th January VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. Jim Gregory and Jim Carey R.I.P.	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 19th January 8:30am	Int. People of the Parish 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. Richard Leonard Rons R.I.P. and Christopher Richard Rons R.I.P.	First Fridays of month Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
MON 20th January	St Fabian, Pope and St Sebastian, Martyrs Private Mass	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
TUES 21st January 9:30am	St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Int: Jacqueline Mary Rons Anniversary R.I.P.	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:20pm or by appointment
WED 22nd January 9:30am	St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr Int: Anonymous Intention.	
THUR 23rd January 10:30am	Feria No Mass at 9:30am Funeral Mass for Alan James Weller	
FRI 24th January 9:30am	St Francis de Sales (transferred to Sunday 26th) Int: Holy Souls	

MASS INTENTIONS: To have prayers and Mass offered for your intention **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 and 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, the next date for Baptism in the parish is 2nd March. Please attend Sunday Mass and ask Fr Clement for a Baptism Application form and Mass Attendance form. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 19th JANUARY 2025

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.

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Monday 20th January 2025 at 3:30pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

The next lesson will be on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7:00pm in the church.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – PLEASE REGISTER

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Please speak to Fr Clement for further help.

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.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Saturday 18th January - Saturday 25th January. An ecumenical service to mark this annual event is being held on Friday 24th January at 3 o'clock at All Saints Church, Church Road, Hartley.

The service will be followed by tea and refreshments giving everyone a chance to mingle and chat. Please do join us.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our recently deceased parishioners Alan Weller, Tony Creasy, and Maura Wojdyla.

The Funeral Mass for Alan Weller will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 10:30am.

The Funeral Mass for Tony Creasy will take place on Friday 7th February at 10:30am.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend the funerals in support of the families.

Please note that whenever a Funeral Mass takes place, there will be no 9:30am Mass on that date. Thank you.

PARISH FEAST DAY/FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION

As indicated in last week's newsletter, our parish feast day will be celebrated next Sunday, 26th January 2025 at 10:00am

We will be having only one Mass over the weekend and, on behalf of the parish, I call everyone to be part of this simple celebration to mark the weekend.

I am very much aware of the fact that most families have their mealtimes, some have those they care for or may have other engagements and so have their dedicated time for Mass/worship, but, if possible, please see this as a one off, special parish moment where we can sit, eat and drink, interact and get to know each other, especially as we otherwise attend different Mass times.

DESIGNATED PLACE OF WORSHIP

Our church, the Oratory of St Francis de Sales, Hartley, has been designated as a Jubilee Church in this Archdiocese of Southwark for the duration of the **Jubilee Year from 24th December 2024 to 6th January 2026**. Hence, a Jubilee Indulgence, granted by the Holy Father, may be obtained by all the faithful who undertake a pious pilgrimage here, or other designated places.

FR CLEMENT ON RETREAT

Fr Clement will be on priestly retreat from 27th - 31st January. Weekday Masses will be covered by Fr Michael and Fr Jude. Please keep Fr Clement in your prayers.

ELECTRICIAN AND GARDENER NEEDED

The parish is in need of a qualified electrician and the help of a gardener. Please speak with Fr Clement if you are able to volunteer with either. Thank you.

	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
28th February	Parish Ceilidh/Barn Dance	Time and venue tbc
2nd March	Baptism	12:30
5th March	Lent begins with Ash Wednesday	
7th March	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	10:30-3:00pm
13th - 19th April	Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday	Weekend masses
19th April	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8:00pm
20th April	Easter Sunday	Mass at 8:30am, 10:15am
29th May	Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	
1st June	Baptism	12:30
7th June	Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration at the	Friars, Aylesford
8th June	Pentecost Sunday	Weekend Masses
15th June	The Most Holy Trinity	Weekend Masses
22nd June	Corpus Christi	Weekend Masses
22nd June	First Holy Communion	1:00pm
12th July	Confirmation	11:00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

12th January 2025

Envelopes £44.20 Loose cash £81.75

Contactless £75.50 2nd Collection £121.45

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.

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

THATCH FUND

Amount raised as of 31st December 2024:

£45, 208.37

TARGET AMOUNT £55,000.00 MINIMUM

Your committed support is greatly appreciated to help meet our Thatch Fund target this year.

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: 34363181 SC 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.

SUPPORT THE PARISH FINANCIALLY BY:

(i) Bank Monthly Standing Order to

Nat West Bank Account: 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

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