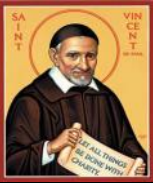




Oratory of St. Francis de Sales  
Roman Catholic Parish  
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Parish Newsletter 26th January 2025  
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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	25th January		<b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am-3:00pm
VIGIL	5:30pm	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	26th January		<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
SUN	10:00am	<b>FEAST DAY &amp; FOUNDATION DAY MASS</b> Int. People of the Parish Please join us in the school for Brunch afterwards.	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> <b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
MON	27th January	Private Mass	<b>First Fridays of month</b> Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
TUES	28th January	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest 7 Doctor of the Church Int: Holy Souls	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 5:30pm
WED	29th January	Feria Int: Ellie Faddoul R.I.P.	<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR	30th January	Feria Anonymous Intention	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Tues-Fri</b> 8:50-9:20am <b>Sat</b> 4:30pm-5:20pm or by appointment
FRI	31st January	Saint John Bosco, Priest, Memorial. Int: Sick and Housebound parishioners	

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk)

**Safeguarding representative:**

**Email:** [hartleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto: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. Parents seeking to join the next Baptism Preparation Class for Baptism in June, please attend Mass and ask Fr Clement for a Baptism Application form.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 2nd FEBRUARY 2025**

No Children's Liturgy on Sunday 26th Jan.

### **HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS**

Monday 27th January 2025 at 3:30pm.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES**

The next lesson will be on Wednesday 29th 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.

### **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our recently deceased parishioners.

**The Funeral Mass for Dean Austin will take place on Tuesday 4th February 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 funeral Masses and offer our support to the families. Please note that whenever a Funeral Mass takes place in the morning, there will be no 9:30am Mass on that date.

### **THATCH COMMITTEE**

The Thatch committee will be addressing parishioners with the progress of the Thatch Project at all Masses next weekend.

### **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.

### **200 CLUB JANUARY DRAW**

will take place after the **10:00am Mass on Sunday 26th January.** Information on how to join the 200 Club is available in the church porch or on the parish website. Call Tina on 07789862902 or email at [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

**MASS ON SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2025 at 10:00am to celebrate our Parish Feast Day and Foundation day of the Congregation of the Mission.** This is our only Mass over the weekend and, on behalf of the parish, I call everyone to be part of this simple celebration to mark the weekend and, 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY 26th JANUARY**  
Our 2nd Collection will be in support of The Vincentians, The Congregation of the Mission. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**FR CLEMENT ON RETREAT**  
Fr Clement will be on priestly retreat from 27th-31st January. Masses on Tues-Fri will be covered by Fr Michael, Fr Jude & Fr Moses Please keep Fr Clement in your prayers.

**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.

**'CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT' BOOKLET**  
Every parishioner/family is encouraged to take a copy of the booklet and accept the opportunity to help shape the future of our Archdiocese by responding to the questions. **We will need Volunteers to then facilitate small group discussions on your responses and to feedback to the Called to Bear Fruit team. Please speak to Fr Clement if you are willing to form a group of 4-7 people.**

	<b>DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
<b>28th February</b>	Parish Ceilidh/Barn Dance	Time and venue tbc
<b>2nd March</b>	Baptism	12:30
<b>5th March</b>	Lent begins with Ash Wednesday	9:30am and 7:30pm
<b>7th March</b>	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	10:30-3:00pm
<b>13th - 19th April</b>	Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday	Weekend masses
<b>19th April</b>	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8:00pm
<b>20th April</b>	Easter Sunday	Mass at 8:30am, 10:15am
<b>29th May</b>	Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	9:30am and 7:30pm
<b>1st June</b>	Baptism	12:30pm
<b>7th June</b>	Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration at the	Friars, Aylesford
<b>8th June</b>	Pentecost Sunday	Weekend Masses
<b>15th June</b>	The Most Holy Trinity	Weekend Masses
<b>22nd June</b>	Corpus Christi	Weekend Masses
<b>22nd June</b>	First Holy Communion	1:00pm
<b>12th July</b>	Confirmation	11:00am

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

19th January 2025

Envelopes £59.00    Loose cash £126.31

Contactless £125.51    2nd Collect. £146.20

*Thank you, your support is much appreciated.*

**2nd Collection 26th January:**

**Congregation of the Mission, The Vincentians**

*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 continuing support is greatly needed 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](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 or contact the parish office.

## SUPPORT THE PARISH FINANCIALLY BY:

- Bank Monthly Standing Order to**  
Nat West Bank Account: St Francis de Sales  
Account no: 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33.
- Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes** (please contact the parish office to sign up)
- Via Givealittle** on the parish website
- Use the Contactless Machine** in the porch or *handsfree* at collection
- Cheque payable to RCAS Hartley**
- Use the One-off Donation envelopes**

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