



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

Parish Newsletter 16th February 2025

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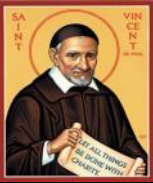
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) RACIAL JUSTICE DAY Mass Book page 139

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	15th February		Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm
VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	16th February		Sunday 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Holy Souls	
SUN	10:15am	Int. Sick and housebound parishioners	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
MON	17th February	Private Mass	First Fridays of month Friday 7th March Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
TUES	18th February	No 9:30am Mass Funeral Mass for Maura Wojdyla	
	10:30am		
WED	19th February	Feria Int.	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
	9:30am		
THUR	20th February	Feria Int. Anonymous Intention	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:20pm or by appointment
	9:30am		
FRI	21st February	Feria Int. Mervin Wheeler R.I.P. and Noreen Wheeler w/b.	
	9:30am		

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*)

**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

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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. Please 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.

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents seeking Baptism of infants should attend Mass and ask Fr Clement for a Baptism Application form. The next Baptism Preparation Classes for Baptism on 1st June 2025, will be held on 3rd and 17th May.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES 2nd MARCH

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Monday 3rd March 2025 at 3:30pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 7:00pm

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – PLEASE REGISTER

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROCESS

You are required to give 6 months notice of Marriage, whether it is taking place here or abroad. Couples wishing to marry should contact Fr. Clement as early as possible.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

The Funeral Mass for Maura Wojdyla will take place on Tuesday 18th February at 10:30am. Please note that there will be no 9:30am Mass on Tuesday.

PARISH BARN DANCE CEILIDH

Friday 28th February 2025 from 7.30pm to 10.30pm at Fawkham Road, Longfield. Please contact Anna Coffey for tickets and further assistance. 07703 475720

200 CLUB

Information on how to join the 200 Club is available in the church porch or on the parish website. Please call Tina Shirley on 07789862902 for assistance or email Tina at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

JOSHUA'S KARATE SPONSORSHIP

One of our Year 6 pupils, Joshua, is aiming to achieve his 2nd Dan Karate black belt in April. Part of this includes raising money for a charity. He would like to raise money for the church thatch fund. For more information about what he needs to do and to donate, please click on the QR code or



link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/karate-for-church>

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND COLLECTION

Next week 25/26th February we will be holding the Clergy Support Fund second collection. The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. Thank you for your support.

'CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT' BOOKLET

Individuals or families are asked to please complete and start submitting the booklet now and by Sunday 2nd March 2025, placing them in the Call to Bear Fruit post-box by the Shrine. You may reply anonymously or give your name. If you would like to give more detailed responses than the booklet allows, you can email these directly to Fr Clement at clementeru@rcaos.org.uk

We need volunteers to facilitate small group discussions on your responses; please fill in a contact sheet if you wish to be considered and Fr Clement will contact you in due course. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important moment in the life and future of our parish and Archdiocese.

Our Lady of Hartley, pray for us.

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Forms are available in the porch for anyone willing to serve as an Extraordinary Minister. Full training will be given before taking on the role. Please return your form by hand to Fr Clement or email to clementeru@rcaos

DESIGNATED PLACE OF WORSHIP

Our parish church, the Oratory of St Francis de Sales, has been designated a 'Jubilee Church' in the Archdiocese of Southwark for the duration of the **Jubilee Year 24th December 2024 - 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 to other designated churches.

	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
28th February	Parish Ceilidh/Barn Dance	7:30pm, Fawkham Road Hall
2nd March	Baptism	12:30pm
5th March	Lent begins with Ash Wednesday	9:30am and 7:30pm
7th March	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	10:30-3:00pm
Fridays in Lent	Stations of the Cross	In the evening time tbc
13th April	Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday	Weekend Masses
17/18/19th April	Easter Triduum	times to be confirmed
19th April	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8:00pm
20th April	Easter Sunday	Mass at 8:30am, 10:15am
27th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	Weekend Masses
5th May	Altar Servers Mass & Rally, Aylesford	Registration at 10:15am
29th May	Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	9:30am and 7:30pm
1st June	Baptism	12:30pm
7th June	Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration at	the Friars, Aylesford
22nd June	First Holy Communion	1:00pm
12th July	Confirmation	11:00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

9th February 2025

Envelopes £70.20 Loose cash £99.33

Contactless £108.00

2nd Collection £173.90

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend is for:

The Catholic Association for Racial Justice

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

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 January 2025:

£45, 344.65

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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new Tax Year will begin 6th April 2025 - 5th April 2026. UK tax payers can Gift Aid donations to 1st/2nd/Special Collections and to the Thatch Fund. Parishioners registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme will be given envelopes at the beginning of March. Tax-payers who are not yet on the parish scheme, can find forms in the porch or scan the QR code below. Please also contact the parish office for any assistance.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY:

- 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**

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!** Visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk

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forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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