



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

Parish Newsletter 23rd February 2025

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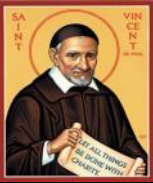
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St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: [www.churchservices.tvhartley](http://www.churchservices.tvhartley)

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)** Mass Book page 141

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	22nd February		<b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am-3:00pm
VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	23rd February	Int. Dean Austin R.I.P.	<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Peter Walsh, well-being	
SUN	10:15am	Int. Marian Kneller R.I.P. Anniversary	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
MON	24th February	Private Mass	<b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
TUES	25th February	Int. Holy Souls	<b>First Fridays of month</b>
	9:30am		<b>Friday 7th March</b> Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
WED	26th February	Feria	
	9:30am	Int. Sick and housebound parishioners	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>
THUR	27th February	Feria	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
	9:30am	Int. Anonymous Intention	5:30pm
FRI	28th February	Feria	<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
	9:30am	Int.	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Tues-Fri</b> 8:50-9:20am <b>Sat</b> 4:30pm-5:20pm or by appointment

**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. 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 24th 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**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved parishioner, Jack Hinde, who died recently. Please keep Pat, Karen, Sandra and their family in our prayers at this time. Funeral details to follow.

### **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 DRAW FEBRUARY DRAW**

Will take place this Sunday after 8:30am Mass. 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](mailto: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 follow the link below

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

### **CAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY AFTER 10:15am MASS**

Please support Eron, Evelyn and Eythan Edward as they hope to raise funds for an Animal Encounter Workshop at Our Lady of Hartley School. Thank you.

## CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - 2ND COLLECTION

This weekend's collection enables the Archdiocese to care for priests after a life time of service to Christ and His Church, and in time of ill health. Thankyou for your support.

## 'CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT' BOOKLET

Please complete and submit the booklet by Sunday 2nd March 2025 and place them in the Call to Bear Fruit post-box by the Shrine. You can also send responses directly to Fr Clement at [clementeru@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:clementeru@rcaos.org.uk)

**If you can facilitate small group discussions on the responses, fill in a contact sheet from in the porch and return it to Fr Clement asap.** Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important moment in the life and future of our parish and Archdiocese.

## COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Forms are available in the porch for anyone willing to serve as an Extraordinary Minister. Please return it to Fr Clement.

## JUBLIEE 2025 – 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' A 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.

	<b>DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
<b>28th February</b>	Parish Ceilidh/Barn Dance	7:30pm, Fawkham Road Hall
<b>2nd March</b>	Baptism	12:30pm
<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>Fridays in Lent</b>	Stations of the Cross	7:00pm in the church
<b>13th April</b>	Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday	Weekend Masses
<b>17/18/19th April</b>	Easter Triduum	times to be confirmed
<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>27th April</b>	Divine Mercy Sunday	Weekend Masses
<b>5th May</b>	Altar Servers Mass & Rally, Aylesford	Registration at 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>22nd June</b>	First Holy Communion	1:00pm
<b>12th July</b>	Confirmation	11:00am

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

16th February 2025

Envelopes £73.00 Loose cash £139.80

Contactless £107.72

2nd Collection for CARJ £153.17

*Thank you, your support is much appreciated.*

Our 2nd Collection this weekend is for:

Archdiocese Clergy Support Fund

Please use your parish envelope or one of the Diocese envelopes in the porch to Gift Aid

*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 thank you; please add relevant details to Gift Aid your donation.

## THATCH FUND

**AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00**

**AMOUNT RAISED £46,384.56**

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

The new Tax Year will begin 6th April 2025 - 5th April 2026. Parishioners registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme will be given envelopes at the beginning of March.

For Tax-payers who are not yet on the parish scheme, forms are in the porch or scan the QR code below to join. Thank you.

## SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY:

(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

## 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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