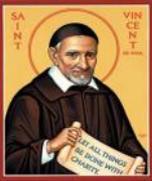




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Parish Newsletter 2nd February 2025  
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**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, CANDLEMAS (YEAR C)**

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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	1st February		<b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am-3:00pm
VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. David Coffey R.I.P	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	2nd February		<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	People of the Parish	
SUN	10:15am	Int. Jim Regan R.I.P. Anniversary	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
MON	3rd February	Private Mass	<b>Tuesday - Friday</b> 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
TUES	4th February	<b>No Mass at 9:30am</b>	9:30am: Mass
	10:30am	Funeral Mass for Dean Austin	<b>First Fridays of month</b> Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
WED	5th February	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	
	9:30am	Int. Tony Creasy R.I.P. Int: Michael O'Connor, wellbeing	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>
THUR	6th February	Sts Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 5:30pm
	9:30am	Anonymous Intention	<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
FRI	7th February	<b>NO Mass at 9:30am</b>	
	10:30am	Funeral Mass for Tony Creasy	<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. 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**

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 10th February 2025 at 3:30pm.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES**

Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7:00pm

### **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**

**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.**

**The Funeral Mass for Maura Wojdyla will take place on Tuesday 18th February at 10:30am.**

Parishioners are encouraged to attend the funeral Masses and offer our support to the families. **Please note** that there will be no 9:30am Mass when a funeral takes place.

### **PARISH BARN DANCE CEILIDH**

Friday 28th February 2025 from 7.30pm to 10.30pm at Longfield Hall and New Barn Village Hall, Fawkham Road, Longfield. Live Caller and Music provided by The Aqueducts It is an enjoyable night of dancing and socialising for all ages. Please see the flyer for further information contact Anna Coffey for tickets and assistance. 07703 475720

### **THATCH COMMITTEE**

The Thatch committee will be addressing parishioners with the progress of the Thatch Project at all Masses this 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 help with either.

## **200 CLUB JANUARY DRAW WINNERS**

**1st Prize £65 no. 108, William Rons.**

**2nd Prize £30 no. 99, John Horan**

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)

## **2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

For those who were not able to attend Parish Feast/Foundation Day Mass last weekend, you may still support The Congregation of the Mission, the Vincentians, in this weekend's collection. Envelopes are available in the porch or please use the cashless machine. Thank you for your generosity and support.

## **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.

## **'CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT' BOOKLET**

Every parishioner/family is encouraged to take a copy of the booklet to read and then respond to the questions inside.

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	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>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>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>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

26th January 2025

Envelopes £21.00 Loose cash £56.26

Contactless £90.50 2nd Collection £148.36

Standing Orders January 2025: £2,404.00

*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 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](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.

## 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!** Visit [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk)

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