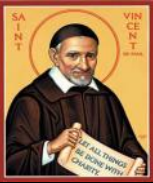




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Parish Newsletter 2nd March 2025
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St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Mass Book page 144

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	1st March		Tuesday - Friday
VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	8:45am-3:00pm
SUN	2nd March		Saturday
	8:30am	Int. Jack Hinde R.I.P.	10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	10:15am	Int. Angelina Hall R.I.P.	Sunday
	12:30pm	Baptism	7:45am-12noon
MON	3rd March	Private Mass	WEEKDAY MASSES
TUES	4th March	Feria	Tuesday - Friday
	9:30am	Int. Holy Souls	8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
WED	5th March	ASH WEDNESDAY, MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES	9:30am: Mass
	9:30am	Int. Sick and housebound parishioners	First Fridays of month
	7:30pm	Int.	Friday 7th March
THUR	6th March	Feria	Eucharistic Adoration
	9:30am	Int. Anonymous Intention	10:30pm – 3:00pm
FRI	7th March	Feria	3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
	9:30am	Int. Hassan Ismayil & Denis Ismail, R.I.P	WEEKEND MASSES
	10:30-3.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy and Benediction	Saturday Vigil Mass
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	5:30pm

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'. Please make it known if you wish your intention to be private or seek consent from living persons before submitting an intention for them. Thank you.

Sunday
8:30am and 10.15am

CONFESSIONS
Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am
Sat 4:30pm-5:20pm
or by appointment

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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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. 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 12th March 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, whose Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 20th March at 10:30am.

200 CLUB

February Draw Winners: 1st Prize £65 no. 8
2nd Prize £35 no. 15 Michael Shirley.
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 follow the link below



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

VOLUNTEER ROLE: PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

Safeguarding is embedded in everything the Archdiocese of Southwark does and the way in which our parish does it as laid out in the Pastoral Standards and Safe Practices in the Conduct of Ministry and the Archdiocese Code of Conduct for staff & volunteers.

If you can help in the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative, please speak directly with Fr Clement. Full training and ongoing assistance will be given. Thank you for your consideration and support.

'CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT' BOOKLET

If you have not yet read and responded to the questions in the booklet, **please do your best to take a copy from the porch and return it this week** or send your responses to Fr Clement at clementeru@rcaos.org.uk

Your participation in this discussion on the life and future of our parish and Archdiocese is very much appreciated, Thank you all.

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION.

Forms are available in the porch for anyone willing to serve as an Extraordinary Minister.

JUBLIEE 2025 – 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' A DESIGNATED PLACE OF WORSHIP

Our parish church has been designated a 'Jubilee Church and Shrine' - one of just sixteen sites in the Archdiocese of Southwark to be seen as 'sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope' - for the duration of this Jubilee Year up 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 one of the sites listed on rcsouthwark.co.uk



	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
	Fridays in Lent	
28/3, 4/11, 11/11	Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy	10:30am-3:30pm
28/3, 4/11, 11/11	Lenten Confession	1:00pm-3:00pm
All Fridays in Lent	Lenten Stations of the Cross	7:00pm
	Saturday Lenten Retreat Talks	
29/3, 5/4, 12/4	Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00pm
29/3, 5/4, 12/4	Lenten Talk/Discussion	3:30pm-4:30pm
29/3, 5/4, 12/4	Lenten Confession	4:30pm-5:30pm
13th April	Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday	Weekend Masses
16th April	No 9:30am Mass. Chrism Mass 11:00am	St George Cathedral
17th April	Maundy Thursday The Lord's Supper	7:30pm
18th April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	3:00pm
	Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of the Lord	4:00pm
	Holy Saturday	
19th April	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8:00pm
20th April	Easter Sunday	8:30am, 10:15am
27th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	Weekend Masses
Thurs 29th May	Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	9:30am and 7:30pm
7th June	Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration Day at	The Friars, Aylesford

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

23rd February 2025

Envelopes £64.00 Loose cash £106.82

Contactless £73.50

2nd Collection Clergy Support £122.50

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend is for:

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.

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 £46,453.84

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. 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!** Visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk

Support our parish

Sign up to Gift-Aid & Planned Giving



Scan the QR code or visit:
forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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