



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

Parish Newsletter 9th February 2025

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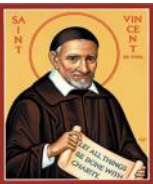
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Mass Book page 135

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	8th February		Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm
VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. Holy Souls	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	9th February		Sunday 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Sick and housebound parishioners	
SUN	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES
MON	10th February	Private Mass	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
TUES	11th February	Feria OR Our Lady of Lourdes	9:30am: Mass
	9:30am	Sick and housebound parishioners	First Fridays of month Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
WED	12th February	Feria	
	9:30am	Int.	WEEKEND MASSES
THUR	13th February	Feria	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
	9:30am	Int. Anonymous Intention	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
FRI	14th February	Sts Cyril & Methodius, Bishops, Patrons of Europe.	
	9:30am	Int.	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 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 (*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

Safeguarding representative:

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. 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: 9th 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 12th 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 Maura Wojdyla will take place on Tuesday 18th February at 10:30am. Parishioners are encouraged to attend and offer our support to the family. **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

200 CLUB

Information on how to join the 200 Club is available in the church porch or on the parish website. Membership is open to anyone over 16years.

Call Tina Shirley on 07789862902 or email Tina at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025

The Catholic Association for Racial Justice supports the work of the catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Our 2nd Collection next weekend will go to support the CARJ.

'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 and facilitate a group of 4-7 people. Thank you for your help and support.

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 can help

	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
13th - 19th April	Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday	Weekend masses
19th April	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8:00pm
20th April	Easter Sunday	Mass at 8:30am, 10:15am
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
8th June	Pentecost Sunday	Weekend Masses
15th June	The Most Holy Trinity	Weekend Masses
22nd June	Corpus Christi	Weekend Masses
22nd June	First Holy Communion	1:00pm
12th July	Confirmation	11:00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

2nd February 2025

Envelopes £73.00 Loose cash £79.68

Contactless £170.00

2nd Collection £181.61

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

2nd Collection this weekend:

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 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 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

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

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