



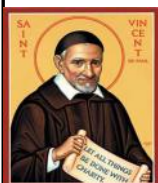
*Oratory of St. Francis de Sales*  
*Roman Catholic Parish*  
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*Parish Newsletter* 23rd March 2025

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) Mass Book page 160

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	22nd March		Tuesday - Friday
VIGIL	5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	8:45am-3:00pm
SUN	23rd March		Saturday
	8:30am	Int. Colin Toulson R.I.P. 5th Anniversary	10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	10:15am	Int. Eron Edwards, Thanksgiving Int. Deceased Brothers of Province 7 Catenian Assoc.	Sunday
MON	24th March	Private Mass	7:45am-12noon
TUES	25th March	Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity Int. Well-being of Jim and Bernie Harbinson	WEEKDAY MASSES
WED	26th March	Feria Int. Holy Souls	Tuesday - Friday
THUR	27th March	Feria Anonymous Intention	8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
FRI	28th March	Feria LENTEN RETREAT FRIDAY Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	9:30am: Mass
	9:30am	Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy	First Fridays of month
	10:30am-3:30pm	Lenten Confession	Friday 4th April
	1:30-3:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00pm		10:30pm – 3:00pm
			3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
			WEEKEND MASSES
			Saturday Vigil Mass
			5:30pm
			Sunday
			8:30am and 10.15am
			CONFESSIONS
			Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am
			Sat 4:30pm-5:20pm
			or by appointment

**MASS INTENTIONS:** 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 use the 'Mass Intention' option on the Contactless machine or 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 before submitting an intention for any other person. 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**

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**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 and 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 Preparation Course will be held on Saturday 3rd and Saturday 24th May. Attendance at both sessions is required for parents of any upcoming Baptisms.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUNDAY 23rd MARCH**

For children aged 4-7years during 10.15am Mass. Please bring your child into the Mass for the blessing before going to the lesson.

### **HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS**

Monday 24th March 2025 at 3:30pm.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS**

Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 7:00pm

### **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Frances Rodgers, whose Funeral Mass is on Monday 1st April 10:30am**

**Teresa Kavanagh, whose Funeral Mass is on Thursday 10th April 10:30am.**

Parishioners are encouraged to attend to offer our prayers and support to the families. Please note, there will not be 9:30am Mass on these days. Thank you.

### **JOSHUA'S KARATE SPONSORSHIP**

Joshua, a Yr6 student, is preparing to achieve his 2nd Dan Karate black belt in April and would like to raise money for the church thatch fund. For more information about what he needs to do & to donate, thank you, please click the QR code

**OR follow the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/karate-for-church>**



**A REMINDER THAT NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL BE CELEBRATING MOTHERS' DAY. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER, THE CLOCKS WILL GO FORWARD BY 1 HOUR.**

### **200 CLUB DRAW MARCH DRAW**

Will take place Sunday 30th March 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 on 07789862902 or email [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE WARDENS REQUIRED**

There is now a Diocesan requirement for each weekend Mass to have 2 or 3 Fire Wardens to direct parishioners to a designated place of safety away from any fire. Wardens are NOT expected to tackle the fire - this remains with the Fire and Rescue Services. A provisional training date has been set for Saturday 26th April 2025 at the church. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office, thank you

## PARISH FETE 2025: SATURDAY JUNE 14th

We are pleased to announce our Annual Parish Fete will be on Saturday 14th June 2025, 12 noon- 4pm. More details will be coming soon. **Save the date in your diary.**

## LENTEN PILGRIMAGE/RETREAT

Our Lenten retreat this year will have a different pattern. We will be reflecting on the book “We dare to hope”.

Parishioners who would like to read and who would be prepared to share his or her reflection with others, are welcome to.

## DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION

**On Saturday 7th June 2025**, our Diocese will gather for a Jubilee Year Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford from 10:00am- 4:00pm.

We are hoping to make the journey to Aylesford as one parish group, by coach, to take part in this ‘Festival of prayer and activities’ for all ages. A 49 seater coach will be £595.00, about £12 per seat.

***Please note your interest as early as possible*** by adding your name to the list in the church or contact the parish office.

	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
	Fridays Lenten Retreat	
28/3, 4/4,11/4	Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy	10:30am-3:30pm
28/3, 4/4,11/4	Lenten Confession	1:00pm-3:00pm
	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
All Fridays in Lent	Lenten Stations of the Cross	7:00pm
13th April	Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday	Weekend Masses
16th April	<u>No</u> 9:30am Mass. Chrism Mass 11:00am at	St George Cathedral
17th April	Maundy Thursday The Lord’s Supper	7:30pm
18th April	Good Friday Liturgy begins with Stations of	the Cross at 2:00pm
19th April	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8:00pm
20th April	Easter Sunday	8:30am, 10:15am
27th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	Weekend Masses
Mon 5th May	Altar Servers’ Rally, at Aylesford Priory	10:00am start
Thurs 29th May	Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	9:30am and 7:30pm
Sat 14th June	Annual Parish Fete	10am-4pm
Sun 22nd June	First Holy Communion Mass	12:30

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

16th March 2025

Envelopes £36.00 Loose cash £69.25

Contactless £112.50

2nd Collection £199.12

*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.*

***Our 2nd Collection next weekend 30th March will be a Diocesan Collection for Poor Parishes***

**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 NEEDED £75,000.00**

**AMOUNT RAISED £46,803.25**

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 a box of envelopes next weekend.

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

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