



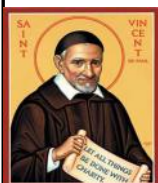
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 30th March 2025

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) Laetare Sunday Mother's Day Mass Book page 168

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	29th March	LENTEN RETREAT/TALK	Tuesday - Friday
VIGIL	3:00-3:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	8:45am-3:00pm
	3:30-5:30pm	Lenten Talk/Discussion and Confessions	Saturday
	5:30pm	Int. Steven Selby and Paul James	10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	30th March	Int. For all Mothers.	Sunday
	8:30am	Int. Anthony Havery R.I.P.	7:45am-12noon
SUN	10:15am	Int. David Eaton R.I.P. Posthumous Birthday	WEEKDAY MASSES
		Int. Private Intention of M. Maisey	Tuesday - Friday
MON	31st March	Private Mass	8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
TUES	1st April	No morning Mass	9:30am: Mass
	10:30am	Funeral Mass for Frances Rodgers	First Fridays of month
WED	2nd April	Feria	Friday 4th April
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	Eucharistic Adoration
THUR	3rd April	Int. Holy Souls	10:30pm – 3:00pm
	9:30am	Int. Anonymous Intention	3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
FRI	4th April	Feria LENTEN RETREAT FRIDAY	WEEKEND MASSES
	9:30am	Int. Jack Hinde R.I.P. and Pat Hinde, well-being	Saturday Vigil Mass
	10:30am-3:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy	5:30pm
	1:30-3:00pm	Lenten Confessions	Sunday
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	8:30am and 10.15am
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 Please seek consent before submitting an intention for another person, thank you			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

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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 and Godparents of any upcoming Baptisms.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUNDAY 30th 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 31st March 2025 at 3:30pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7:00pm

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Frances Rodgers, whose Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 1st April 10:30am

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

Parishioners are encouraged to attend in support to the families.

JOSHUA'S KARATE SPONSORSHIP

Joshua, a Yr6 student, is preparing to achieve his 2nd Dan Karate black belt in April and part of this is to fundraise for a charitable cause. Joshua 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>



FINANCE MESSAGE

As the new Tax Year is fast approaching on the 6th April 2025, we encourage you all to review how you support the parish financially, in particular with regards to Standing Orders and Gift Aid donations, to make sure they are up to date and suit your personal circumstances.

Please seriously consider using bank Standing Order as this is an easy method for making a regular contribution to the parish. If you are a Taxpayer, then please consider signing up for the Gift Aid scheme, as the parish receives an extra 25p for every £1 spent.

There are forms available in the Porch and the Newsletter has a QR Code which can be scanned. Forms are also on our parish website in the Donate section.

The Parish needs continuous support and therefore we encourage you all to please give generously as every contribution helps. Thank you for your commitment.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE ‘We dare to hope’

Our Lenten retreat this year will follow a different pattern. We will be reflecting on the book “We dare to hope.” Any parishioner who is prepared to read and share his or her reflection with others, during our Lenten Saturday talk/discussion, is welcome to. **Copies of the book are available in the porch, £2 each to buy.**

VOLUNTEER FIRE WARDENS TRAINING

There is now a Diocesan requirement for Fire Wardens at weekend Masses. A provisional training date has been set for Saturday 26th April 2025 at the church. If you can help, please speak to Fr Clement.

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, for a festival of prayer and activities for both adults and children.

We are hoping to make the journey to Aylesford as one parish group, by coach, to take part– a 49 seater coach will cost £595.00, which is about £12 per seat.

Please note your interest now as time is running out to secure the booking by adding your name to the list in the church or contact the parish office.

	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
	Fridays Lenten Retreat	
4th & 11th April	Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy	10:30am-3:30pm
	Lenten Confession	1:00pm-3:00pm
	Saturday Lenten Retreat Talks	
29/3, 5/4, 12/4	Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00pm
	Lenten Talk 3:30pm,Lent Confession 4:30pm	3:30pm-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
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	12:30pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

23rd March 2025

Envelopes £98.00 Loose cash £158.50

Contactless £104.00

2nd Collection £173.96

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend is for:

Diocesan Collection for Poor Parishes

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 4th April will be for our Palms and Easter Flowers

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 £47,129.32

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 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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