



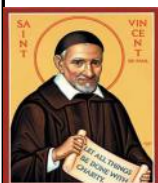
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 13th April 2025

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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	12th April 3:00-5:00pm 5:20pm	LENTEN RETREAT/TALK Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lenten Talk and Confessions BLESSING OF PALMS & PROCESSION FROM WHITE FRIARS Int. Jonathan Regan R.I.P. Posthumous Birthday	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
VIGIL MASS			
SUN	13th April 8:20am	BLESSING OF PALMS & PROCESSION FROM WHITE FRIARS Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
SUN	10:05am	BLESSING OF PALMS & PROCESSION FROM WHITE FRIARS Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	First Fridays of month Friday 2nd May Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
MON	14th April	Private Mass	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
TUES	15th April 9:30am	Tuesday of Holy Week Int. Vincent Regan R.I.P. Anniversary	Please note: Sat 19th April Easter Vigil will be at 8:00pm
WED	16th April 11:00am	NO Morning Mass Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR	17th April 9:30am 7:30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Mass Of The Lord's Supper	LENT CONFESSIONS Sat 12th April from 4:30pm-5:30pm only.
FRI	18th April 9:30am 2:00pm 3:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross Good Friday Solemn Liturgy	
MASS INTENTIONS: Please use a Mass Intention envelope and return it to Fr Clement. An offering donation can be placed in the envelope, or use the Contactless machine or BACS to Nat West Account St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, reference 'Mass Intention'. Please make it known if your intention is private and seek consent before submitting an intention for others, 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

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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.

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 3rd and 24th May. Attendance at both sessions is required for parents/Godparents of any upcoming Baptism

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

Monday 28th April 2025 at 3:30pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7:00pm

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – PLEASE REGISTER

Forms are in the church porch or on the website <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS starts from St Mary Magdelene Church, Longfield at 9am on Good Friday. For more details email Carol. carolwilton0@gmail.com

200 CLUB

To join the 200 Club, forms are available in the church porch or on the parish website or email stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

EASTER 2025

Palm Sunday 12th/13th April

All Masses begin 10 mins early from White Friars, with Blessing of Palms and Procession to the church

Sat. 5.20pm, Sun 8.20am and 10:05am

Monday 14th April

Private Mass

Tuesday 15th April

Morning Mass: **9:30am**

Wednesday 16th April

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Chrism Mass 11am at St. George's Cathedral

EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 17th April

Divine Office/Morning Prayer: **9:30am**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: **7:30 pm**

Good Friday 18th April

Divine Office/Morning Prayer: **9:30am**

Parish Stations of the Cross: **2:00pm**

The Passion of the Lord: **3:00pm**

Divine Mercy Novena Day 1 (private)

Holy Saturday 19th April

Divine Office/Morning Prayer: **10:00am**

Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 (private)

Resurrection of the Lord:

Vigil in the Holy Night 7:30pm

EASTER SEASON

Easter Sunday 20th April

8.30am, 10.15am

Divine Mercy Novena Day 3 (private)

Monday 21st - Friday 25th April

Divine Mercy Novena Day 4-8 (private)

Please note, No morning Masses celebrated during this week 21-25 April

Saturday 26th April

Divine Mercy Prayer Novena Day 9,
in the church at **3:00pm**

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April

Masses (Sat 5:30pm) 8:30am, 10:15am

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: 2:30pm

Fr. Clement wishes you a fruitful Holy Week and a Blessed Easter.

EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

The Easter Collection on 19th/20th April 2025 will be our personal Easter Gift to Fr Clement. If you will be away from the parish for Easter, you may leave your offering this weekend. Please use the Easter Offering envelopes that are on the table in the porch, or use one of the Contactless machines. If you give by using parish weekly envelopes, there is an envelope in your box for Easter Offering. You may also give by Bank Transfer to the parish Nat West Bank account St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort code 60-06-33, reference 'Easter Offering.' Please add your Gift Aid details if applicable. Thank you your kindness.

THATCH PROJECT UPDATE

'We're delighted to announce that faculty has been granted by the Historic Churches Committee (HCC) to carry out the re-thatching of the church. This is a major milestone for us on this project.

The thatch committee will be providing further updates on the next phase of the project. The update will include a specific date, our funding position etc.'

Charles Onyeacholem, Committee Chair.

The Thatch Committee will be addressing parishioners at all Masses this weekend.

JOSHUA'S KARATE SPONSORSHIP

Thank you for all the support, Joshua achieved his Second Dan black belt, and with all your generosity, managed to raise a fantastic £830.00 for the Thatch Fund.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE 'We dare to hope'

We conclude our Lenten retreat this weekend, Saturday 12th from 3:00pm 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 talk is very welcome to do so.

Copies of the book for your personal use are available in the porch, £2 each.

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– 5:00pm, for a festival of prayer and activities for both adults and children. **Due to fewer names on the list, we will be booking a smaller coach. BUT we still are required to give a total number to the Diocese. So, if you plan to travel by car, please do let us know now.**

	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
20th April	Easter Sunday	8:30am, 10:15am
26th April	Divine Mercy Novena Day 9	3:00pm
27th April	Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration	2:30pm
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 7th June	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford	10:00am-4:00pm
Sat 14th June	Annual Parish Fete	10:00am-4:00pm
Sun 22nd June	First Holy Communion Mass	12:30pm
Sat 12th July	Confirmation Mass	11:00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

6th April 2025

Envelopes £70.60 Loose cash £72.70

Contactless £95.50

2nd Collection £132.64

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend is for:

Palms for Palm Sunday and Easter Flowers

Kindly check that your GA number, the date, and whether 1st or name of 2nd Collection, are noted correctly on envelopes, thank you.

EASTER GIFT TO THE PARISH PRIEST

Easter Offering envelopes are available now on the table in the porch, or please use the Contactless machine, or Bank Transfer to the parish Nat West Bank account no. 34143580 Sort code 60-06-33, reference Easter Offering Please note your Gift Aid number. Thankyou

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 £47,455.03

Your continuing support is greatly needed to help us 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

All Parishioners registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme can collect your box of envelopes now. For Tax-payers who are not yet on the parish scheme, forms are in the porch or scan the QR code below.

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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