



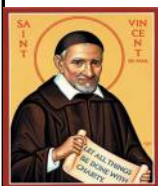
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales  
Roman Catholic Parish  
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 25th May 2025

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	24th May		Tuesday - Friday
	12:00	Province 7 Catenians Int. for Clergy and Vocations	8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS	5:30pm	Int. Maria and Shane on their Wedding day.	Saturday
			10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	25th May		Sunday
	8:30am	Int. Margaret Carter R.I.P.	7:45am-12noon
	12:30pm	Baptism	
SUN	10:15am	Int. Phil Kerton, in celebration.	WEEKDAY MASSES
MON	26th May	Private Mass	Tuesday - Friday
TUES	27th May	NO MASS at 9:30am	8:45am: Exposition of
	10:30am	Funeral Mass for Daniel Vincent Nixon	Blessed Sacrament
WED	28th May	Feria	and Morning Prayer.
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	First Fridays of month
THUR	29th May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Next: Friday 6th June
	9:30am	Int. People of the Parish	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:30pm	Int. Holy Souls	10:30pm – 3:00pm
FRI	30th May	Feria	Divine Mercy Prayer
	9:30am	Int. Kate Whittaker, wellbeing and private intention.	& Benediction
		<i>Beginning of Pentecost Novena</i>	WEEKEND MASSES
			Saturday Vigil Mass
			5:30pm
			Sunday
			8:30am and 10.15am
			CONFESSIONS
			Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20
			Sat 4:30pm-5:30pm
			or by appointment

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please use a Mass Intention envelope, available in the porch, fill in details 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 from others 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](mailto:clementeru@rcaos.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST

DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Tel: 07872572994

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Safeguarding representative: please contact

Email: [hartleydbs@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleydbs@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. Registration Forms are available in the porch or on the website.

### **BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS**

Parents seeking Baptism of infants should attend Mass and ask Fr Clement for an application form. Parents must attend the Parish Preparation Course prior to Baptisms.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10:15am MASS**

Sunday 25th May 2025.

### **HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS**

Monday 2nd June 2025 at 3:30pm.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS**

Wednesday 4th June 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?**

If you have never been baptized, or if you were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, please speak directly to Fr Clement to discuss the process of Initiation.

**200 CLUB May Draw will be on Sunday 25th May at 8:30am Mass.** Information on how to join the 200 Club is in the church porch and on the parish website or email [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

### **FETE 2025 SATURDAY 14th JUNE 12-4pm**

There are only three weeks to go until our annual Parish Fete. It is a great day full of Stalls, Events and Demonstrations to suit all ages. It is such an important day both financially and socially for the whole parish and for the day to be a success we therefore need your help:

- Displaying Posters.
- Informing everyone you know about the Fete.
- Letting us know if you know of any Company who would be willing to advertise.
- Delivering Programmes when they arrive.
- Selling Grand Draw tickets when they arrive.
- Donating - everything from Bottles, Books, Cakes, Jewellery, Plants, Toiletries, White Elephant non-electrical items and World Food.
- Volunteering to run a Stall for the whole day, or for an hour or so, in particular Book Stall, Candy Floss, Glitter Tattoos, Inflatables, Splat the Rat, Stocks, Teddy Tombola and the Thatch Stall
- More Grand Draw Prizes are needed.
- Lending us a Gazebo for the day
- Helping to set up/ tidy away on the day.
- Praying for a successful day and great weather.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please e-mail us on the designated email address [sfdsfete@outlook.com](mailto:sfdsfete@outlook.com)

**Thank you in advance for your support**



**SATURDAY 31st MAY 2025**  
**PILGRIMAGE TO JUBILEE SHRINE**  
**OF OUR LADY OF HARTLEY**  
**BEGINNING AT 10:00am**

**We would be grateful for volunteers with the following throughout the day:**

Welcoming pilgrims, helping to serve refreshments, providing a cake or savoury snacks, bringing flowers from your garden (please leave them in the church on Friday), helping to tidy up before Mass.

**Outline of our Pilgrimage Program**

- 10:00am-10:30am:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration  
**10:30am-11:30am** Marian Hymns/Prayers  
**11:30am:** Placing of prayer petitions  
**12:00-1:00pm** Rosary Procession  
**1:00pm-1:30pm** Lunch  
**1:30pm:** Marian talks and reflections  
**2:30pm:** Jubilee message for 'Pilgrims of Hope'  
**3:00pm:** Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
**3:30pm:** Refreshments  
**4:00pm:** Confessions, personal prayer  
**5:30pm:** Mass and burning of petitions.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE WARDENS REQUIRED**

We are now required to have Fire Wardens at each weekend Mass. If you can help, please speak to Fr Clement, thankyou



**SATURDAY 7th JUNE 2025**  
**DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION**  
**Aylesford Priory**

**Please sign the sheet in the porch to reserve your seat on the coach**

Over two thousand people from around the Archdiocese of Southwark are expected at our Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June – we hope you will be one of them! Please see the poster on the noticeboard giving you all the information you need about this wonderful celebration – and if you haven't already done so, please sign up to come on our parish coach.

To sign up to be one of the 'Day Makers' (stewards and volunteers helping to make the day a success), visit

[\[bit.ly/southwarkhelper\]](https://bit.ly/southwarkhelper) [bit.ly/southwarkhelper](https://bit.ly/southwarkhelper) to find out more and sign up. To register for the 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4), visit

[aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration)

(Places on these sessions are limited - first come, first served; but there are other activities for children if you don't book in time.)

	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
Thurs 29th May	Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation	9:30am & 7:30pm
Sat 31st May	Our Lady of Hartley Jubilee Shrine Pilgrimage	From 10:00am
Sat 7th June	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford	10:00am-4:00pm
Sun 8th June	Pentecost Sunday	Weekend Masses
Sat 14th June	Annual Parish Fete	12noon-4:00pm
Sun 22nd June	First Holy Communion Mass	12:30pm
Sat 12th July	Confirmation Mass	11:00am



## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

18th May 2025

Envelopes £66.50 Loose cash £104.90

Contactless £107.00

2nd Collection: £153.50

*Thank you, your support is much appreciated.*

**Our 2nd Collection this week:**

**Parish Needs**

**2nd Collection Sunday 1st June:**

**World Communications Day,**

**Diocesan Collection**

### THATCH FUND

**AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00**

**AMOUNT RAISED £51,993.07**

Thank you for your continuing support which is greatly appreciated and needed to help us meet our Thatch Fund target.

**Donations can be made by:**

- Cash via the church Thatch Fund Box
- Card/Contactless machine in the church
- Cheque to 'St Francis de Sales'
- Using white envelopes, available in church
- Weekly/Monthly Bank Standing Order or BACS donation at: **Nat West Bank.**

**Account name: Roman Catholic Diocese of Southwark Diocesan Trust OR St Francis.**

**Account: 34363181 Sort Code 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)

**THANK YOU, MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

**NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES -please collect.**  
All parishioners who are registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme have a box of envelopes waiting to be collected from the porch. For any Tax-payers who are not yet on the parish scheme, forms are in the porch or scan the QR code below to join.

### **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 help us raise funds FREE by using *easyfundraising* when you shop online!**

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