



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

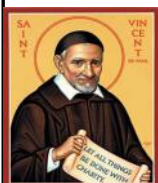
Parish Newsletter

4th May 2025

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) Mass Book page 259

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	3rd May		Tuesday - Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS	5:30pm	Int. Gregory Family Healing and Guidance	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	4th May		Sunday 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Sean Bradley, R.I.P.	
SUN	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday
MON	5th May	Altar Servers' Rally at Aylesford from 10:00am	8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
TUES	6th May	Feria	First Fridays of month
	9:30am	Int. Lawrence Mendy, as he continues his studies.	Friday 6th June
WED	7th May	Feria	Eucharistic Adoration
	9:30am	Int. Holy Souls	10:30pm – 3:00pm
THUR	8th May	Feria	Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	
FRI	9th May	Feria	WEEKEND MASSES
	9:30am	Int. Marie Dunne R.I.P. Anniversary	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 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 (Day off: Mon)

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST

DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Tel: 07872572994

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton

Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

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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. 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 4th May 2025.

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS Monday 12th May 2025 at 3:30pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7:00pm.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – PLEASE REGISTER Forms are in the church porch or on the website <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

200 CLUB APRIL DRAW

1st Prize £65 no. 90; 2nd Prize £30, no. 128 D Graham. Forms and Information on how join the 200 Club are in the church porch or on the parish website or email stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

FETE 2025 SATURDAY 14th JUNE 12-4pm

There are 6 Weeks to go until our Annual Parish Fete. The Fete is a great day out to suit everyone of all ages, fun activities, great stalls, enjoyable food and drink.

In order for the Fete to be a success, **the Fete needs everyone to come together** and help in any way you can.

We ask that you start thinking about ways you support this **very important event** in our parish calendar, both on a social basis and financially for the Parish too.

There are many ways you can get involved:
Sort out **Donations** for the various Stalls such as Books, Toys, White Elephant Non-Electrical Items, Toiletries and Jewellery and not forgetting the Bottles for the Bottle Stall.

Bake **Cakes** for the Cake Stall

Prepare **Plants** for the Plant Stall

Encourage local Companies to **Advertise** in our Fete Programme and donate Prizes for the Grand Draw

Think of ideas for **Prizes** for the Grand Draw
Display a **Poster** for the Fete when they are printed/Display an **Advertising Board** in your front garden.

Help **set up** and / or **clear away** on the day.
Volunteer to **run a Stall**. A list of suggested Stalls is being prepared.

Encourage friends, family and neighbours to attend the event.

Sell Grand Draw tickets when the Grand Draw Tickets are produced

Deliver Fete Programmes to the local area.

Prayers for a successful day & nice weather
Any suggestions / comments regarding the Fete, please feel free to contact us by e-mail sfdfsfe@outlook.com

Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated and we thank you all for your anticipated support.



SATURDAY 31st MAY 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO JUBILEE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF HARTLEY

31st May is the Feast of The Visitation, celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary's pilgrimage of hope to the hill country near Jerusalem, to visit her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth.

Beginning at 10:00am, the day includes:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Prayer Petitions

Rosary Procession

Hymns and Prayers to Our Lady

Short talks and reflections

Jubilee message for Pilgrims of Hope

Concluding Mass with petitions offered.

Please note this date in your dairy

HELP NEEDED

Local parishioner needs someone to water garden plants, shortly, while she recovers from treatment. Half an hour, 2/3 times a week (depending on weather) for about 3/4 weeks with very good remuneration (especially if young person) or donation to the Thatch Fund! Please contact the parish office if you would be able to help.



SATURDAY 7th JUNE 2025 DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Our Diocese will gather for a Jubilee Year Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford, for a festival of prayer and activities for both adults and children. The celebration begins at 10:00am. It promises to be a great event! ***If you have not already done so, sign up on the list in the porch for your place on our coach.***

More information at aec.rcaos.org.uk/

CHILDREN/YOUTH ACTIVITIES

aec.rcaos.org.uk is also where you go to register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4). Pre-booking for these sessions begins at 11 am Monday 5th May. Places are limited - first come, first served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren. For those who miss out, there are other children's activities, notably a novel 'Saints Treasure Trail' which has been developed especially for this celebration.

Responsible people are needed to volunteer as Stewards either in the morning or afternoon. Contact us at jubilee@rcaos.org.uk to find out more.

	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
Mon 5th May	Altar Servers' Rally, at Aylesford Priory	10:00am start
Thurs 29th May	Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	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	10:00am-4:00pm
Sun 22nd June	First Holy Communion Mass	12:30pm
Sat 12th July	Confirmation Mass	11:00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

27th April 2025

Envelopes £99.00 Loose cash £95.45

Contactless £195.00

April Bank Standing Order: £2,317.00

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for:

Parish Needs

Priest Training Fund Second Collection

11th May- Good Shepherd Sunday

Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for ways to donate. Thank you

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00

AMOUNT RAISED £49,084.56

The Thatch Committee will be speaking at all Masses this weekend to provide an update on the project.

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 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

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forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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