



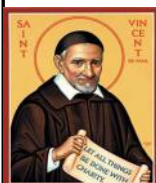
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales  
Roman Catholic Parish  
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 10th August 2025

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Mass Book page 121

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 9th August		Wednesday 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Mary Odije Eru R.I.P. 1st Anniversary	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 10th August 8:30am	Int. People of the Parish	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 10th August 10:15am	Int. Carol, in Thanksgiving for 77th Birthday and 55years of Marriage,.	WEEKDAY MASSES Please see the Mass Calendar inside the newsletter for 9th Aug– 5th September
MON 11th August	No Mass	First Friday Adoration Next: 3rd October. Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 12:00noon Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
TUES 12th August	Feria OR Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious No Mass	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
WED 13th August 9:30am	Feria OR Sts Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Ms. Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR 14th August 1:00pm	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr. Funeral Mass for Patrick Ring	
FRI 15th August Please note 7:30pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Int. Holy Souls	

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please use a Mass Intention envelope, available in the porch, fill in your 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 please seek consent from other living persons before submitting an intention for them, thank you.

### CONFESSIONS

During the month of August:

Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm

Please speak to the visiting priest.

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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Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

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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 for infants and young children, please attend Sunday Mass and ask for Baptism and Godparent forms. Parents must complete a Preparation Course of 2 sessions before Baptism can take place. **The next preparation course will take place in the church meeting room on these dates:** Session 1: Sat 6th September 2-4pm and Session 2: Saturday 20th September 2-4pm, for Baptism in October, or later. Thank you

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHILDREN IN YrR-Yr3**

Children's Liturgy will resume in September. If you can assist with leading the sessions on a rota basis, please speak with Fr Clement for details - training will be given. Thank you

### **PARISH YOUTH GROUP – PLEASE REGISTER**

For young parishioners in Year 4 and above Forms for parents to sign are available 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 Catholic but have never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, or if you were baptised in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, please speak directly to Fr Clement to discuss the process.

### **DIACONATE**

If you are a man between 21-58 years old, and are discerning the call to be a Permanent Deacon please speak to your Parish Priest, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director: [ianblack@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ianblack@rcaos.org.uk).

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROCESS**

You are required to give 6 months notice of Marriage, whether it is taking place here or abroad. Couples wishing to marry should contact Fr. Clement as early as possible.

The Parish Priest and the Parishioners of St Paul's Catholic Church Meopham invite you to

### **ST PAUL'S CHURCH DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Thanksgiving Mass at 11am followed by food and drinks in the Presbytery Garden.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Principal Celebrant: Rt Rev. Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop-Kent Area

46 Huntingfield Road, Meopham, DA13 0EZ

RSVP Jubilee Planning Committee

Anne-Marie | 07947944308

RSVP Fr Jude Iroh, MSP | [meopham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:meopham@rcaos.org.uk)

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## FUNERAL MASS FOR PATRICK RING

Patrick's funeral will take place here on Thursday 14th August at 1:00pm. Fr John Adikwu CM will be the celebrant.

Please continue to pray for Patrick, and for Barbara, Jo and Annie, and all the Ring family and friends.

## MASS CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2025.

**Fr Clement is on annual leave, returning on Friday 5th September.** Please note of the Mass schedule below during this time.

Fr Jude Iroh will celebrate Wednesday Masses. Weekend Masses will be celebrated by visiting priests: Fr Fidelis Datau MSP 9/10th August; Fr John Adikwu, CM 16/17th August; Fr Noah Monday Mbabazi MHM 23/24th August; Fr Emmanuel Abah, CM 30/31st August. Confessions will be on Saturdays 4:30-5:15pm.

If you need a priest urgently, please contact Meopham, Gravesend or Dartford parish.

Fr Zammit is the chaplain at Darent Valley Hospital should you need a priest there.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL APPEAL

Fr. Fidelis Datau MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make their mission appeal this weekend 9/10 August.

The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. **There will be a second collection at all Masses.** Additionally, you can donate by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using the provided account details on the poster in the church noticeboard.

***Thank you in advance for your kind support.***

## 200 CLUB

200 club members will be sent a reminder to renew their subscription by 31st August.

New members are most welcome to join. Information and forms can be found in the church porch or on the parish website. You can also contact Tina on 07789862902 or at [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

DATES	MASS AVAILABILITY	TIMES
Sat 9th/Sun 10th August	Weekend Masses - MSP Mission Appeal	same
11th, 12th, 14th August	No Masses	
Wed 13th August	Feria	9:30am
Thursday 14th August	Funeral Mass for Patrick Ring	1:00pm
Fri 15th August Evening Mass only	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary A Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass	7:30pm
Sat 16th/Sun 17th August	Weekend Masses	same
18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd Aug	No Masses	
Wed 20th August	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	9:30am
Sat 23rd/Sun 24th August	Weekend Masses - Red Box Mission Appeal	same
25th, 26th, 28th, 29th Aug	No Masses	
Wed 27th August	Saint Monica, Memorial	9:30am
Sat 30th/Sun 31st August	Weekend Masses	same
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sept	No Masses	



## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

3rd August 2025

Envelopes £41.00

Loose cash £88.32

Contactless £124.00

2nd Collection: £134.50

*Thank you, your support is much appreciated.*

2nd Collection this week 2nd/3rd August:  
**MISSION APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONARIES  
OF ST PAUL (MSP)**

*Please see the notice inside the newsletter*

### THATCH FUND

**AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00**

**AMOUNT RAISED £65,888.98**

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

#### **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.**

- 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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