



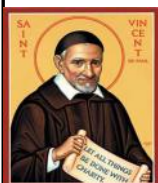
*Oratory of St. Francis de Sales*  
*Roman Catholic Parish*  
*Archdiocese of Southwark*

*Parish Newsletter 17th August 2025*

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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Mass Book page 124

|            |             | MASS INTENTIONS  | THE CHURCH IS OPEN  |
|------------|-------------|--|---|
| SAT        | 16th August |  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:30am-3:00pm   |
| VIGIL MASS | 5:30pm      | Int. People of the Parish  | <b>Saturday</b><br>10:00am-6:30pm   |
| SUN        | 17th August |  | <b>Sunday</b><br>7:45am-12noon  |
|            | 8:30am      | Int. Holy Souls  | <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b><br>Please see the Mass Calendar inside the newsletter for 15th Aug– 5th September                                     |
| SUN        | 17th August |  |   |
|            | 10:15am     | Int. Patrick Ring R.I.P.   |   |
| MON        | 18th August | No Mass  |   |
| TUES       | 19th August | Feria OR St John Eudes, Priest.<br>No Mass   | <b>First Friday Adoration</b><br>Next: 3rd October.<br>Eucharistic Adoration<br>10:30pm – 12:00noon<br>Divine Mercy Prayer<br>& Benediction |
| WED        | 20th August | St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, Memorial<br>Int. Frances Finnerty R.I.P. Posthumous Birthday. |   |
|            | 9:30am      |  | <b>WEEKEND MASSES</b><br><b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>   |
| THUR       | 21st August | St. Pius X, Pope, Memorial<br>No Mass  |   |
| FRI        | 22nd August | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial.<br>No Mass   | 5:30pm<br><b>Sunday</b><br>8:30am and 10.15am   |

### 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**

**Tel: 07872572994**

**Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton**

**Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni**

Email: [hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk)

**Safeguarding representative: contact below**

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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## **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 is celebrating Mass on Wednesdays.

**This weekend, we welcome Fr John Adikwu CM to the parish to celebrate our Masses.**

23rd/24th August, Fr Noah Monday Mbabazi MHM, will celebrate our Masses and make an appeal on behalf of the Mill Hill Missions.  
30th/31st August, Fr Emmanuel Abah, CM, will celebrate our weekend Masses.

**The priest will be available for Confession** Saturdays 4:30-5:15pm during August.

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**

Please see the Letter of Appreciation from the MSP which is on the church noticeboard, following last Sunday's Mission Appeal.

## **ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT**

This project will continue for the rest of the Jubilee Year with a focus on praying for vocations.

If you would like to join, please follow this link: <http://bit.ly/southwarkrosary>

## **MISSIO APPEAL ON 23rd/24th AUGUST**

Next weekend we will welcome Fr. Noah Monday to give the five-yearly 'Red Box Appeal' for prayers, donations and support through regular giving. Through the Red Box we care for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box.

## **KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE**

Starting from Saint Peter and Paul Church at 1pm on Saturday, September 13th, ending at St Francis in time for evening Mass. Please join us on the walk, or sponsor one of the walkers. [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com)

## **ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB**

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

The 200 Club is open to anyone over the age of 16yrs. New members are most welcome to join. All relevant information and forms can be found in the church porch or can be downloaded from the parish website.

You can also contact Tina on 07789862902 or at [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

| <b>DATES</b>                    | <b>MASS AVAILABILITY</b>                             | <b>TIMES</b>  |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Sat 16th/Sun 17th August        | <b>Weekend Masses</b>                                | <b>same</b>   |
| 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd Aug      | No Masses  |               |
| <b>Wed 20th August</b>          | <b>Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</b> | <b>9:30am</b> |
| <b>Sat 23rd/Sun 24th August</b> | <b>Weekend Masses - Red Box Mission Appeal</b>       | <b>same</b>   |
| 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th Aug      | No Masses  |               |
| <b>Wed 27th August</b>          | <b>Saint Monica, Memorial</b>                        | <b>9:30am</b> |
| <b>Sat 30th/Sun 31st August</b> | <b>Weekend Masses</b>                                | <b>same</b>   |
| 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sept    | No Masses  |               |



## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

10th August 2025

Envelopes £50.00

Loose cash £81.56

Contactless £160.00

**2nd Collection: £826.47**

*Thank you, your support is much appreciated.*

**2nd Collection this week 16/17th August:**

**PARISH NEEDS**

**Next weekend 23rd/24th August:**

**MISSION APPEAL for Mill Hill Missionaries**

### THATCH FUND

**AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00**

**AMOUNT RAISED £69,139.98**

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?**

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