



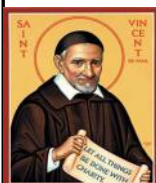
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales  
Roman Catholic Parish  
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 3rd August 2025

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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	2nd August		<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS	5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	3rd August 8:30am	Int. Colin Toulson R.I.P.	<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
SUN	3rd August 10:15am	Int. Holy Souls	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> Please see the Mass Calendar inside the newsletter for August 4th-September 5th
MON	4th August	No Mass	<b>First Friday Adoration</b> Next: 3rd October. Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 12:00noon Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
TUES	5th August 9:30am	Feria OR The Dedication of the Basilica St Mary Major No Mass	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 5:30pm
WED	6th August 9:30am	The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast. Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR	7th August 9:30am	Feria OR Saint Sixtus II Pope, and Companions, Martyrs No Mass	
FRI	8th August 9:30am	Saint Dominic, Priest, Memorial. No Mass	

### 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

Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20

Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm

or by appointment

**Saturdays only during the month of August**

**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 has ceased for summer break and will resume in September.

Volunteers are needed to assist on a rota basis during 10:15am Mass; if you can help please speak with Fr Clement. Thank you

### **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 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).

### **KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE**

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)

### **ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS NOTICES**

Events for young adults 18-35 and information on upcoming Adult Faith Formation courses available on the church noticeboard, or please click below to visit the archdiocesan website for more.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/>

### **200 CLUB**

**July Draw winners: 1st Prize £65 no.83 D. Preston and 2nd Prize £30 no.53 J. Jackson.**

Present 200 club members will be sent a reminder to renew their annual membership by the end of August, for the next year's monthly draws.

New members are most welcome to join. Information and forms for the 200 club can be found in the church porch and on the parish website.

You can contact Tina Shirley by email [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com) or by phone on 07789862902

## MASS CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2025.

Fr Clement will be on annual leave from Sunday 3rd August - Friday 5th September.

We pray for Fr Clement, that he may have safe travels and a restful time, and we pray also for his family as they remember their daughter and sister, Mary Odije Eru, whose one year anniversary will occur on the 9th August. May her soul rest in peace.

Please take note of the Mass schedule.

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, with Confession 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. Thank you

## ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. **Further details found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>**

## PILGRIM 2025 PASSPORTS

If you plan to visit any of the designated Jubilee Shrines this year, please take one of the Pilgrim Credentials 'passports' and ask to have it stamped as you visit each Shrine.



DATES	MASS AVAILABILITY	TIMES
4th, 5th, 7th, 8th August	No Masses	
<b>Wed 6th August</b>	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord, Solemnity</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Sat 9th/Sun 10th August</b>	<b>Weekend Masses - MSP Mission Appeal</b>	<b>same</b>
11th, 12th, 14th August	No Masses	
<b>Wed 13th August</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Fri 15th August</b> <b>Evening Mass only</b>	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>A Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass</b>	<b>7:30pm</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

27th July 2025

Envelopes £38.00

Loose cash £105.50

Contactless £136.72

2nd Collection: £117.95

*Thank you, your support is much appreciated.*

**2nd Collection this week 2nd/3rd August:  
Parish Needs**

### THATCH FUND

**AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00**

**AMOUNT RAISED £59,591.00**

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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