



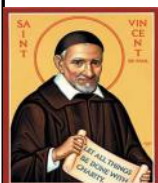
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 14th September 2025

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, FEAST. Mass Book page 191

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 13th September		Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. David Coffey R.I.P. Anniversary	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 14th September 8:30am	Int. Richard Gibson, Birthday.	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 14th September 10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES
MON 15th September	No Mass	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
TUES 16th September 9:30am Please note 10:30am	St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian Martyrs, Memorial No Morning Mass in the church Mass in Our Lady of Hartley School	9:30am: Mass
WED 17th September 9:30am	Feria OR St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church OR St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Int.	First Friday Adoration Next: 3rd October. Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 12:00noon Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
THUR 18th September 9:30am	Feria OR St Edith of Kemsing Int. Holy Souls	WEEKEND MASSES
FRI 19th September 9:30am	Feria Int: Sick and Housebound Parishioners	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
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.		Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
		CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm Or by appointment

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

Email: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Safeguarding representative: contact below

Email: 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 2nd session of September preparation course will take place in the church meeting room on 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 Permission 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 in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, you are welcome to join the RCIA program, the process by which people become Catholic.

Application forms are available in the church. Please speak to Fr Clement for further help.

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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

For parents of children who are in school Year 3 or above and seeking to enrol their children onto the parish Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & Eucharist, application forms are available to pick up from the church this weekend. The closing date for submitting forms will be Friday 10th October 2025.

OBITUARY FOR Fr JOHN RYAN MBE

The Archdiocese has written an obituary for the late Fr John Ryan, Parish Priest of Hartley from 1988-1996. Copies are available to take from the church and can be read/downloaded from the parish website. May his soul rest in peace.

WORK TO REPLACE THE THATCHED ROOF

The work to replace the Thatched Roof of St Francis de Sales RC Church, Hartley will commence on the 16th September 2025, as follows:

Tuesday 16th September - the Scaffolding will be erected.

Thursday 18th September 2025 - the Heras Fencing is being delivered. This will be erected along with the Health and Safety Boards.

Saturday 20th September – this part of the Project will be completed.

Monday 22nd September – the work to strip the Thatch will commence.

The Work will last for approximately 5 weeks between 7am and 4pm, Monday to Fridays and possibly including Saturdays.

The Roof will be physically worked upon every other day, leaving days where the Thatch is being prepared off site.

Masses at the Weekend will not be affected but Masses during the Week may be subject to change.

The church car park will be closed every day throughout this 5 Week period.

We appreciate the area will be very busy during this period taking into account the work vehicles, school traffic and parishioners attending Mass, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The Thatcher's will do their very best to make sure that you are not disturbed and we will make sure that everyone who is involved in the work respects the church and the surrounding area. Please feel free to come and have a look at the work.

If this work causes you any difficulties or any problems at anytime during the working period, please feel free to contact in the first instance the Parish Office on 01474 705361 / hartley@rcaos.org.uk. Or secondly, contact Charles Onyeacholem on 07506 427547 or Anna Coffey on 07703 475720. The Thatch Committee will do their very best to assist. Your patience and understanding during this working period would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

The Thatch Committee.

St Francis de Sales RC Church, Hartley

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Current 200 club members should now have renewed their annual subscription for September 2025-August 2026, Thank you.

The 200 Club is open to anyone over the age of 16yrs. New members are 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

Thank you for your continued support.

A SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

Archbishop John and the Safeguarding team invite all parishioners to join us on the **24th September 2025 6.30pm at St. George's Cathedral**, for the Service for Hope and Healing, for all those that have been harmed by abuse. The service is an opportunity to come together and to demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed and their family.

DATES	MASS/SERVICE	TIMES
Tuesday 16th September	Int. Our Lady of Hartley RC Primary School Celebrating 50th Anniversary of the school opening	10:30
Sunday 5th October	Baptism	12:15
Sunday 26th October	Baptism	12:30

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

7th September 2025

Envelopes £31.00

Loose cash £50.00

Contactless £94.00

2nd Collection: £132.40

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

Diocesan 2nd Collection this weekend:

Catholic Education Service

The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. Thank you

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00

AMOUNT RAISED £75,782.33

Thank you for all donations received to date - this has enabled us to start the work in the next couple of weeks. Your continuing support to this Fund is greatly appreciated.

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**

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.

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