



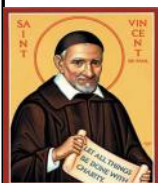
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 21st September 2025

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C (Home Mission Sunday) Mass Book p140

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 20th September		Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 21st September 8:30am	Int. Sean Tierney R.I.P.	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 21st September 10:15am	Int. For the spread of the Gospel in our own country	WEEKDAY MASSES
MON 22nd September	No Mass	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
TUES 23rd September 9:30am	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, <i>Padre Pio</i> , Priest, Memorial Int. Holy Souls	9:30am: Mass
WED 24th September 9:30am	Our Lady of Walsingham, Feast Int. Father Patrick Hayward CRL R.I.P.	First Friday Adoration Next: 3rd October. Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 12:00noon Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
THUR 25th September 9:30am	Feria Int.	WEEKEND MASSES
FRI 26th September 9:30am	Feria OR Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs, 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 the current preparation course is on Saturday 20th September at 2-4pm, for those who have returned forms.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHILDREN IN YrR-Yr3

Children's Liturgy Sunday 21st September at 10:15am Mass. For Safeguarding purposes, the Meeting Room is not available for other use during the session, our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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. Fr Clement will meet with those who have submitted their forms next Friday 26th September at 6:00pm in the Meeting Room.

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.** Please pick up a Mass Attendance sheet and ask the priest to sign it each time your child attends Mass.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Our Second Collection this weekend will be in support of the evangelisation work of the Bishops of England and Wales. Thank you

THE VINCENTIANS CELEBRATE THEIR 400th ANNIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 27th 2025.

Dear brothers and sisters,

As you know, my Order, The Congregation of the Mission, known as the Vincentians, was founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1625.

The Vincentians in Abbey Wood local community are celebrating our 400-year anniversary of our existence, works, and apostolate.

You are cordially invited to celebrate with us on the 27th of September, 2025, the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul. The Mass will be officiated by Canon Victor Darlington. The venue is St Paul's Catholic Church, Thamesmead Central, London, SE28 8AS

at 12:30 pm. Your presence and support are highly appreciated. Thank you.

Fr. Clement Eru CM.

WORK TO REPLACE THE THATCHED ROOF

As everyone can see, the work to replace the Thatched Roof of St Francis de Sales RC Church, Hartley has begun. The work will continue as follows:

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. Masses at the Weekend will not be affected and parishioners will be notified should Masses during the Week be affected. 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, 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 is very much appreciated.

Kind regards, The Thatch Committee.

St Francis de Sales RC Church, Hartley

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Annual subscription for September 2025-August 2026 should now be renewed.

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.](#)

DATES	MASS/SERVICE	TIMES
Friday 26th September	RCIA Candidates Meeting with Fr Clement.	6:00pm
Saturday 27th September	At St. Paul's, Thamesmead Central, London, Mass to celebrate 400year Founding of The Vincentians	12:30pm
Sunday 5th October	Baptism	12:15pm
11th and 12th October	The Knights of St Columba Recruitment Drive at all	Masses
Sunday 26th October	Baptism	12:30pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

14th September 2025

Envelopes £30.00

Loose cash £56.58

Contactless £143.00

2nd Collection: £91.96

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

Diocesan 2nd Collection this weekend:
Catholic Agency for the Support of
Evangelization

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT RAISED £75,806.83

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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forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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