



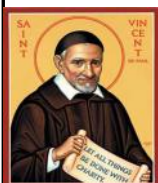
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 28th September 2025

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St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 27th September 12:30pm VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Morning: St Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial At St Paul's Church, Thamesmead Central SE28 8AS, Mass to celebrate 400 years of the Vincentians. Int. Deceased members of the Edmonds family	Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 28th September 8:30am	Int. Welch/Bicarregui families	WEEKDAY MASSES
SUN 28th September 10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
MON 29th September	No Mass	First Friday Adoration is suspended due to the thatch work. Eucharistic Adoration Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
TUES 30th September 9:30am	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Int. Holy Souls	WEEKEND MASSES
WED 1st October 9:30am	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Int. David Eaton, R.I.P. 3rd Anniversary	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR 2nd October 9:30am	The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial. Int. In Loving memory of Rianna Kaur Deol R.I.P. and for her family.	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
FRI 3rd October 9:30am	Feria. Harvest Fast Day. Int: Sick and Housebound Parishioners	
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.		

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 28th 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. Please speak to Fr Clement for further advice. Thank you

DIACONATE

If you are a man between 21-58 years old, and are discerning the call to be a Permanent Deacon please speak to Fr Clement or contact: 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.

Parents seeking to enrol their children who are currently in Y3 or above onto the parish Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & Eucharist, application forms are available to pick up after Mass. **The closing date to return forms is Friday 10th October 2025.** Please also pick up a Mass Attendance sheet and ask the priest to sign it each time your child attends Mass.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRI 3rd OCTOBER.

This is a day when we are asked to pray, eat simply and give generously. Supporting CAFOD this Harvest time is a way for us to offer signs of hope in this Jubilee year, giving practical help to people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change.

Our 2nd Collection on Sunday 5th October will be in support of CAFOD. You can collect a CAFOD envelope to Gift Aid your donation.

CELEBRATING THE VINCENTIANS 400th ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEKEND 2025.

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

This weekend, our 2nd Collection will be in support of the work and mission of The Vincentians, many of whom, like Fr Clement, live and serve local communities, in our country and throughout the world.

Fr Clement and his brother Priests thank you for your prayers, your hospitality, and your generous support to the Vincentian Mission. May God bless and keep you and your families in His loving care.

Fr. Clement Eru CM.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANSELM'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, DARTFORD.

On Sunday 5th October at 10.30am. With The Most Rev John Wilson Archbishop of Southwark and Metropolitan. Please see the noticeboard for more information, thank you

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: 'TOGETHER IS BETTER' COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING.

Beginning on Wednesday 8th October, our parish is hosting a free 'Coffee & Cake' get together every Wednesday morning from 10.00 - 12.00mid-day in the meeting room. All are welcome and we hope it will become a place for people to get together and enjoy the company of others mid-week. We look forward to welcoming you.

Theresa, Yvonne and Carol.

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 is underway and the thatch stripping has now commenced. This 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.

Please feel free to contact the parish office or, Charles Onyeacholem on 07506 427547 or Anna Coffey on 07703 475720 and we will do our best to help with any queries. Your patience and understanding during this working period is very much appreciated. Kind regards, The Thatch Committee.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

The September Draw will take place this Sunday, 28th September, after our 8:30am Mass.

Annual subscriptions for September 2025-August 2026 should now have been paid.

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
Sunday 5th October	Baptism	12:15pm
Wednesday 8th October	'Together is better' Coffee and Cake morning	10am-12
11th and 12th October	The Knights of St Columba Recruitment Drive at all	Masses
Sunday 26th October	Baptism	12:30pm
Monday 3rd November	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	9:30am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

21st September 2025

Envelopes £49.00

Loose cash £52.00

Contactless £55.00

2nd Collection: £62.08

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

**2nd Collection this weekend: Congregation
of the Mission- The Vincentians.**

**Donations may also be made directly to:
VINCENTIAN FATHERS**

Barclays Account: 63343898 Sort: 20-29-63

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT RAISED £75,840.13

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 vital
and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.**

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