



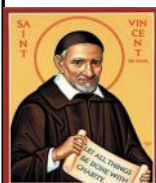
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 31st August 2025

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 30th August		Tuesday-Friday 09:00am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 31st August 8:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound Parishioners	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 31st August 10:15am	Int. Safe travels for all those returning from holidays.	WEEKDAY MASSES Please see the Mass Calendar inside the newsletter for 30 Aug – 5th September
MON 1st September	No Mass. World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	First Friday Adoration Next: 3rd October. Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 12:00noon Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
TUES 2nd September	Feria No Mass	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
WED 3rd September Please note 9:30am	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church Int. Holy Souls	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR 4th September	Feria OR St. Cuthbert, Bishop No Mass	
FRI 5th September	Feria 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

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 (*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 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 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 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.

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 31st 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

Telephone | 01474 814627



MASS CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2025.

Fr Clement is on annual leave, returning on Friday 5th September. Please take note of the Mass schedule below, during this time.

Fr Jude is celebrating Mass on Wednesdays.

This weekend, we welcome Fr Emmanuel Abah CM, to celebrate our weekend Masses. The priest will be available for Confession Saturdays 4:30-5:15pm during this time.

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.

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

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

The Draw for August 2025 will take place this Sunday 31st August after 8:30am Mass.

Renewal of annual subscription

Current 200 club members are reminded to renew their annual subscription for Sept 2025-August 2026 before 12th September.

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

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE

The CWC will meet on Wednesday September 10th at 2pm in the Meeting room and look forward to seeing you all. Everyone is welcome for tea and chat.

YOUTH DAY: SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

A day for 10-14 year olds including talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, sports/crafts and pizza! At St George's Cathedral 11am - 5.30pm. Please contact the parish office if your child would be interested in attending.

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

Help London's Pro-Life Pregnancy Centre stay open, our funds are dangerously low.

We offer expectant mums help with housing, financial assistance, legal, and medical support, baby goods and clothes, advice, ongoing support long after the baby is born.

If we run out of funds, we cannot continue to help dozens of Mothers keep a roof over their head. Support Good Counsel today.

To donate, please use the QR code on the church noticeboard outside the church or visit www.goodcounselnetwork.com donate page for more details. Thank you.

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>



DATES	MASS AVAILABILITY	TIMES
Sat 30th/Sun 31st August	Weekend Masses	same
Wednesday 3rd September	Morning Mass	9:30am
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sept	No Weekday Masses	
Sat 6th/Sun 7th September	Weekend Masses	same

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

24th August 2025

Envelopes £43.00

Loose cash £66.20

Contactless £94.00

2nd Collection: £293.71

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

**2nd Collection this weekend:
Parish Needs**

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00

AMOUNT RAISED £70,642.33

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

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!

Over 7,000 brands will give small donations to registered charities, so you can raise funds for the parish, at no extra cost, whatever you're buying.

Sign up is FREE and easy! Please visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk Thank you!

Support our parish

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Scan the QR code or visit:
forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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