



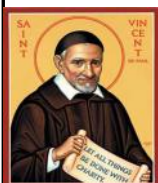
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 7th September 2025

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 6th September		Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Fr John Ryan R.I.P. (Former Parish Priest of Hartley)	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 7th September 8:30am	Int. Amy Robertson R.I.P.	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 7th September 10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
MON 8th September	No Mass	First Friday Adoration Next: 3rd October. Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm – 12:00noon Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
TUES 9th September 9:30am	Feria OR St Peter Claver, Priest Int. Amy Robertson R.I.P.	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
WED 10th September 9:30am	Feria Int. Holy Souls	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
THUR 11th September 9:30am	Feria OR St Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr Int. Sick and Housebound Parishioners	CONFESIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm Or by appointment
FRI 12th September 9:30am	Feria OR The Holy Most Name of Mary Int: In loving memory of Joan Harle, Simon Harle and Jeremy Harle. R.I.P.	

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 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Leaders meet regularly to plan events. Contact: Laura Bourne via the parish office at hartley@rcaos.org.uk

ADULT CHOIR

Practice on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the church. New members are very welcome to join.

Contact: Yvonne at yhegarty@talktalk.net

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm. New members are very welcome to join. Contact: Fred Darby

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

Second Wednesday each month at 2:00pm. Unless stated otherwise in the newsletter. Contact: Margaret Walsh

FR. CLEMENT

Fr Clement has returned safely from his annual leave. Thank you for all your prayers and your good wishes for him and his family.

FR JOHN RYAN REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr John Ryan MBE who died peacefully on Sunday 31st August 2025, in Adelaide Care home, Bexleyheath. Fr John Ryan was the Parish Priest here in St Francis de Sales from 1988 until 1996. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Further details regarding the funeral arrangements will follow.

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

August Draw winners: 1st Prize £65 no. 56 D. McClelland. 2nd Prize £30 no. 120 H Sexton.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

A SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

Archbishop John Wilson and the Safeguarding team, invite all our 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 to express the archdiocese's commitment to all those that have been harmed, their family and friends, to come together as a community and demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed.

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 Youth Leader via the parish office if your child would be interested in attending as part of a supervised parish group.

ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER

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 click the link: <http://bit.ly/southwarkrosary>



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	
Sunday 26th October	Baptism	12:30

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

31st August 2025

Envelopes £40.00

Loose cash £70.30

Contactless £92.00

2nd Collection: £137.70

August Standing Orders: £2,040.00

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

2nd Collection this weekend:

Parish Needs

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT NEEDED £75,000.00

AMOUNT RAISED £75,642.33

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 the Thatch Fund is 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

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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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

Sign up to Gift-Aid & Planned Giving



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

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