



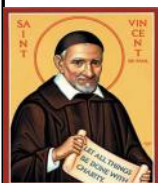
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 12th October 2025

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This parish is served by the Vincentians

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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Mass Book pg 149	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 11th October Mass 12:00 noon	Bishop Paul Hendricks celebrating. Int. Deceased Brothers and Widows of Province 7 Catenians. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.	Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES
SUN 12th October 8:30am	Int. Holy Souls	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
SUN 12th October 10:15am	Int. Knights of Columba	First Friday Adoration is suspended due to the thatch work. Eucharistic Adoration Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
MON 13th October	No Mass	WEEKEND MASSES
TUES 14th October 9:30am	Feria OR (red) Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr. Int. TJ and Bridie Mc Donagh R.I.P.	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
WED 15th October 9:30am	St Teresa of Jesus [of Ávila], Virgin, Doctor of the Church Int. Mary and Les Dodd	CONFESSIONS
THUR 16th October 9:30am	Feria or St Hedwig, Religious or St Margaret Mary Alacoque. Int.	Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
FRI 17th October 9:30am	Saint † Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial. 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 forms. Parents must complete a Preparation Course of 2 sessions before Baptism can take place. The next course will take place early in 2026.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHILDREN IN YrR-Yr3

Children's Liturgy Sunday 12th October 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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

If you have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, you are welcome to join the RCIA program, the process by which people become

Catholic. Please speak to Fr Clement for as soon as possible 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.

The deadline has now closed for submitting application forms. Parents who are seeking to enrol their children onto the program, are invited to attend a meeting with Fr Clement on Friday 7th November at 3:40pm in the church.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV has called for everyone to pray the Rosary for peace and as our Jubilee year continues, for priests. For more, visit <https://www.mydailyrosary.com>

PRISONERS' SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER

Today, the Church prays for prisoners and their families. PACT, The Prison Advice and Care Trust, supports prisoners, and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. **Our 2nd Collection this weekend will help enable PACT to deliver their services. There are PACT Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch or scan the QR Code on the poster on the noticeboard** www.prisonadvice.org.uk/

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION DAY

On the 2nd to last Sunday of October, the Church prays for World Mission. Our 2nd Collection will support the work of Missio.

YOUTH GROUP

For children in School Year 4 to Year 6.

Registration forms for parents to sign are available in the church porch or on the website <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

For teenagers in School Year 7 to Year 13.

Faith • Friendship • Service

We are excited to announce the launch of our Vincentian Marian Youth Group for teenagers.

First Gathering: Sunday 2nd November

Time: 1:00pm– 2:30 pm

Place: Church Meeting Room

Come and join us for our first get-together!

There will be:

- ◇ Light lunch to share together
- ◇ Fun activities and games
- ◇ A chance to grow in faith with other young people in a relaxed and welcoming space

This group is open to all teenagers who want to:

- ◇ Make new friends
- ◇ Deepen their relationship with God
- ◇ Be inspired by the values of St. Vincent de Paul and strengthen your devotion to Our Lady through joy, prayer, and service
- ◇ Be part of something new — faith, fun, and friendship all in one place!

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The Church calls us to pray during this month for all the deceased. As last year, red Memorial Candles will be made available to light in memory of our loved ones.

To have prayers offered for your dearly departed throughout the month, please place their names in the November Holy Souls envelopes and return them as soon as possible. Where an Intention is requested, Mass will be offered for the repose of those souls named. All names will be entered in our Remembrance book at the Altar.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND ALL NAMED IN OUR REMEMBRANCE BOOK.

Will be on Friday 28th November at 7:00pm.

WORK TO REPLACE THE THATCHED ROOF

The work continues between 7am - 4pm, Monday to Fridays and possibly Saturdays. Weekend Masses are not affected and parishioners will be notified should Masses during the week be affected. Thank you.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

The 200 Club is open to anyone over the age of 16yrs. All relevant information can be found in the church porch or can be downloaded from the parish website. Contact Tina on 07789862902 or at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

DATES	MASS/SERVICE	TIMES
Wednesday mornings	'Together is better' Coffee and Cake morning	10am-12noon
11th & 12th October	The Knights of St Columba Recruitment Drive	Sunday Masses
Saturday 18th October	40th Anniversary of Hartley Consecrated	5:30pm
Sunday 26th October	Baptism	12:30pm
Month of November	Prayers for names submitted in the Holy Souls	envelopes
1st & 2nd November	Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation	Sunday Masses
Mon 3rd November All Souls' Day	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, <i>Followed by Visit & Prayers at local Cemeteries</i>	9:30am & 7:00pm <i>10:30am</i>
Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Sunday Service in Hartley	3:00pm
Tues 11th November	Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy, St. Anselms	Dartford 11:00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

5th October 2025

Envelopes: £43.00

Loose cash: £103.62

Contactless: £109.00

2nd Collection CAFOD: £138.62

Thank you for supporting your parish.

2nd Collection this weekend:

PACT: Prison Advice and Care Trust

Please see the notice inside the newsletter

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT RAISED £75,937.89

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**

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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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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