



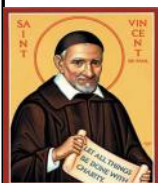
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 26th October 2025

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 25th October		Tuesday-Friday
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Holy Souls	8:30am-3:00pm
SUN 26th October		Saturday
8:30am	Int. Private intention for Well-being	10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 26th October		Sunday
10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	7:45am-12noon
12:30pm	Baptism	WEEKDAY MASSES
MON 27th October	No Mass	Tuesday - Friday
TUES 28th October	Saints ‡ Simon and ‡ Jude, Apostles, Feast	8:45am: Exposition of
9:30am	Int.	Blessed Sacrament
WED 29th October	Feria	and Morning Prayer.
9:30am	Int.	9:30am: Mass
THUR 30th October	Feria	First Friday Adoration
9:30am	Int.	is suspended due to
FRI 31st October	Feria	the thatch work.
9:30am	Int: Sick and Housebound parishioners	Eucharistic Adoration
		Divine Mercy Prayer
		& Benediction
		WEEKEND MASSES
		Saturday Vigil Mass
		5:30pm
		Sunday
		8:30am and 10.15am
		CONFESSIONS
		Tues-Fri
		8:50-9:20am
		Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm
		or by appointment

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.

Envelopes for November Holy Souls Intentions are available in the porch. Please return to Fr Clement or place them in the Holy Souls Petition box at the Shrine.

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

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 Will resume on Sunday 9th November at 10:15am Mass. For Safeguarding purposes, the Meeting Room is not available for other use during this session, but will be free when the children return at the Offertory, our apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

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 were 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 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.

Parents who are seeking to enrol their children onto the program, are invited to 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>

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.

SEEKING MARRIED COUPLES

The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) per couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. Contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: October 31st 2025

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. 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. All names will be entered in our Remembrance Book. Where an Intention is requested, Mass will be offered for the repose of those souls named.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in any church either on All Souls' Day, on the preceding or following Sunday or on the Feast of All Saints, on the usual conditions, viz a visit to a church, where the Our Father and Creed are recited, sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intention. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed, may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls (and at other times a partial indulgence).

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS 2025 & ALL NAMED IN OUR REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Will be on Friday 28th November at 7:00pm. As we did last year, red 'In Loving Memory' candles are available to purchase for £5 each. We will light these during the Mass and they will remain burning to the end of November.

DATES	MASS/SERVICE	TIMES
Wednesday mornings	'Together is better' Coffee and Cake morning	10am-12noon
Throughout November	Intentions in November Holy Souls envelopes	
1st & 2nd November	Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation	Sunday Masses
Sunday 2nd November	Launch of Vincentian Marian Youth Group	1:00-2:30pm
Mon 3rd November All Souls' Day	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed Followed by Visit & Prayers at local Cemeteries	9:30am & 7:00pm 10:30am
Sunday 9th November	Baptism	12:30pm
Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Service, Hartley War Memorial	3:00pm
Tues 11th November	Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy St. Anselms	Dartford 11:00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

19th October 2025

Envelopes: £25.00

Loose cash: £90.87

Contactless: £98.50

2nd Collection Missio: £92.46

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend:
PARISH NEEDS

THATCH FUND

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED TO RETHATCH THE CHURCH in 2025 £75,971.45

Thank you for all donations received to date which are enabling us to carry out the work to rethatch the roof.

Our ongoing commitment to this Fund is vital for future maintenance and for the next interim work which happens midway to the next rethatching. 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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