



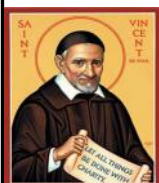
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 23rd November 2025

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| | MASS INTENTIONS | THE CHURCH IS OPEN |
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| SAT 22nd November 11:00am | Mass for Deceased parishioners, and their families, and all those named in Remembrance Book. | Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm |
| VIGIL MASS 5:30pm | Int. Peggy Finch Posthumous 100th Birthday | Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm |
| SUN 23rd November 8:30am | Int. In Thanksgiving, Abrafi Kusi and the Kusi family Int. Vine and Ward families R.I.P. | Sunday 7:45am-12noon |
| SUN 23rd November 10:15am | Int. Tony and Valerie Owen 61st Wedding Anniversary Int. For Protection and Guidance | WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass |
| MON 24th November | Private Mass | First Friday Adoration is suspended due to the thatch work. Eucharistic Adoration Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction |
| TUES 25th November 9:30am | Feria OR Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr Int. Tony Creasy R.I.P and Jack Hinde R.I.P. | WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am |
| WED 26th November 9:30am | Feria Int. Rose Parsons, William Rons, Claire Ferrill | CONFESIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment |
| THUR 27th November 9:30am | Feria Int. Thomas, Agnes, and Peter, Kellet R.I.P. | |
| FRI 28th November 9:30am | Feria Int. Hassan Ismayil, Denis Ismail, Carol Bird R.I.P. | |
| MASS INTENTIONS/BLESSINGS 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

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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. Please fill in a Parishioner Registration Form, available in the porch or on the parish website.

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents seeking Baptism for infants and young children, please first attend Mass and speak to Fr Clement. Parents must complete a Preparation Course of 2 sessions before Baptism can take place. The next course will run on Saturdays 17th & 31st January 2026 from 2-4pm in the church meeting room.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHILDREN IN YrR-Yr3 Sunday 23rd 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 caused.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you have never been baptized or baptized in another Christian denomination and wish 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 as soon as possible for guidance.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROCESS

Couples 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 to start the process. Thank you.

SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 11:00am

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES followed by refreshments

in the meeting room, all are invited. 'In Loving Memory' candles are available in the porch, these will be lit during our Mass, and remain burning until end of November. Please use the stick on notes to attach names of your loved ones to the candles. All names will be read out and prayed for during the Mass. Thank you.

YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH

Each of us hopes to leave a legacy - to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our families, friends, and the communities we cherish. By including a gift in your Will to the Church, no matter the size, you can help sustain & support your Catholic community for future generations. If you would like further information, take a Legacy Leaflet from the porch or visit www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

November Draw on Sunday 30th November after 8:30am Mass. Membership to the 200 Club is open to anyone over 16years old. All relevant information can be found in the church porch or on the parish website. For more, Contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902 email stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

PARISH FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 14th December at 3pm. Readings, Carols, and Children's Nativity Scene. Please put the date in your diaries now!

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service exists to help our young people to grow in faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ, in authentic friendship with each other, and equip them for mission. **Our 2nd collection this weekend will support the CYS work** to provide a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth & young adults across the Archdiocese. For more please visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1

PARISH YOUTH GROUP NEW SESSION!

For children in School Year 4 - Year 6.

When: Saturday 29th November 2025

Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Meeting Room

We're delighted to announce that our Parish Youth Group is resuming! These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for our children to grow in friendship, have fun, and continue their journey of faith together. All are welcome, and we look forward to sharing this time of faith, learning, and community with your children.

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

ADVENT FAMILY PACK from Celebrate Trust

Filled with engaging Advent activities to help families prepare for the Feast of the Nativity. Download free from [Advent Family Pack](#). A donation would be appreciated to help them cover any costs. Thank you.

VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

For teenagers in School Year 7 - Year 13.

Faith • Friendship • Service

Our next Youth Group get-together will take place at 1.00pm on Sunday 7th December in the meeting room. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Our wonderful Youth Group will be baking a selection of delicious sweet treats to share after each Mass on the weekend of 6th–7th December. All donations received will go towards helping those who are homeless to be a little more comfortable this Christmas.

Please do bring along any spare change or monetary donations - every contribution, big or small, will make a meaningful difference.

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

This group is open to 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!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for those aged 18-35

Please pick up a registration form in the church. Meeting dates to be confirmed soon.



| DATES | MASS/SERVICE | TIMES |
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| Wednesday mornings | 'Together is better' Coffee and Cake morning | 10am-12 |
| 2nd Wednesday monthly | Catholic Welcome Circle (CWC) | 2:00-4:00pm |
| Throughout November | Intentions in November Holy Souls envelopes | |
| Saturday 22nd November | Mass for Deceased Parishioners & their families | 11:00am |
| Saturday 29th November | Youth Group Session for Primary School Yr 4-6 | 4:00-5:00pm |
| Sunday 7th December | Vincentian Marian Youth Group School Yr 7-13 | 1:00-2:30pm |
| Monday 8th December | Immaculate Conception, Solemnity. 2 Masses | 9:30am, 7pm |
| Sunday 14th December | Parish Carol Service | 3:00pm |

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

16th November 2025

Envelopes: £23.30

Loose cash: £39.97

Contactless: £93.50

2nd Collection: £113.76

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend:

Catholic Youth Services (Diocesan)

*Please see the notice inside the newsletter
and on the church noticeboard*

THATCH FUND

Donations 16th November: £9:00

Thank you for all donations received to date which have enabled us to carry out the work to rethatch the roof. Our ongoing support is vital for interim maintenance work which will happen midway to the next complete rethatching needed.

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!

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