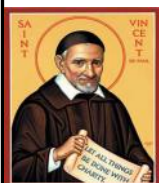




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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
<b>SAT 29th November</b> <b>VIGIL MASS 5:30pm</b>	Int. Deceased Gregory, Selby, Smith Family Members Int. Jack Hinde R.I.P.	<b>Tuesday-Friday</b> 8:30am-3:00pm <b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm <b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> <b>Tuesday - Friday</b> <b>8:45am:</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. <b>9:30am:</b> Mass
<b>SUN 30th November</b> <b>8:30am</b>	Int. Terry Halpin 11 years Anniversary R.I.P. and daughter Sarah Halpin R.I.P. Int. Wellbeing of Sharon Doherty	<b>First Friday Adoration is suspended due to the thatch work.</b> Eucharistic Adoration Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction
<b>SUN 30th November</b> <b>10:15am</b>	Int. Nora Potter R.I.P. 1st Anniversary Int. Tom Moore R.I.P.	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 5:30pm <b>Sunday</b> 8:30am and 10.15am
<b>MON 1st December</b>	Private Mass	
<b>TUES 2nd December</b> <b>9:30am</b>	Feria Int. Bernadette Carly wellbeing	<b>CONFESIONS</b> Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
<b>WED 3rd December</b> <b>9:30am</b>	St Francis Xavier, Priest DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS Int. Jack Hinde R.I.P. John Bonner R.I.P.	
<b>THUR 4th December</b> <b>9:30am</b>	Feria/St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church Int. Jack and Ann Craine R.I.P.	
<b>FRI 5th December</b> <b>9:30am</b>	Feria/St John Almond, Priest and Martyr Int. Deceased Quinn and Hooker family members.	
<b>MASS INTENTIONS/BLESSINGS</b> 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](mailto:clementeru@rcaos.org.uk) (*Day off: Mon*)

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST  
 DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**  
**Tel: 07872572994**

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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 30th 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.

### **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](http://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](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

### **ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

**This Raffle will take place after 10.15am Mass on Sunday 21st December 2025.**

Tickets are on sale all the way through Advent. The Prizes are Fantastic Hampers full of lovely items to suit all ages.

The Tickets are £5.00 a Strip or a £1.00 per Ticket. You can pay by cash or use the Contactless Machine in the porch. All funds raised will go to support our parish.

Please encourage your family and friends to take part. If you wish to take part but are unable to purchase tickets in person, please contact the Parish office and Tickets will be arranged. Please give generously. Good Luck

## DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

This will take place on Tuesday the 9th of December after the 9:30am morning Mass. If you can spare some time please join us in the church as we begin our preparations for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus

## PARISH FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday 14th December at 3pm.** Readings, Carols, and Children's Nativity Scene.

## PARISH YOUTH GROUP NEW SESSION!

**For children in School Year 4 - Year 6.**

We're delighted to announce that our Parish Youth Group is resuming!

**When: Saturday 29th November 2025**

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

All are welcome, and we look forward to sharing this time of faith, learning, and community.

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

## FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN 26th DECEMBER- ALTAR SERVERS PARISH MASS AT 10:00am

## WINTERTIME 2026 – ALTAR SERVERS BREAK

Friday 2nd January-Sunday 4th January at Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre. Please speak to Fr Clement if your child would be interested in attending. Thank you.

## ADVENT FAMILY PACK from Celebrate Trust

Filled with engaging Advent activities to help families prepare for the Feast of the

Nativity. Download from [Advent Family Pack](#) A donation would be appreciated



## VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

**For teenagers in School Year 7 - Year 13.**

**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
Wednesday mornings	'Together is better' Coffee and Cake morning	10am-12
2nd Wednesday monthly	Catholic Welcome Circle (CWC)	2:00-4:00pm
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 of the Blessed Virgin	9:30am, 7pm
Sunday 14th December	Parish Carol Service	3:00pm
Saturday 20th December	Parish Advent Retreat	From 12 noon



## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**23rd November 2025**

**Envelopes: £34.50**

**Loose cash: £82.84**

**Contactless: £197.00**

**2nd Collection: £96.76**

*Thank you for your support.*

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

### THATCH FUND

**Donations received 23rd November: £8.20**

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

Our ongoing weekly/monthly/annual commitment to the Thatch Fund is vital for the interim maintenance work which will happen midway to the next complete rethatching, in 15 years or so. 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](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)**

**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!**

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