



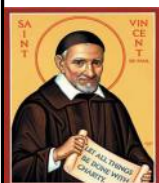
*Oratory of St. Francis de Sales*  
*Roman Catholic Parish*  
*Archdiocese of Southwark*

*Parish Newsletter 28th December 2025*

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (YEAR A) Mass Book page 106

|  | MASS INTENTIONS   | THE CHURCH IS OPEN  |
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| SAT 27th December<br>VIGIL MASS 5:30pm   | Int. People of the Parish   | Tuesday -Friday<br>8:30am-3:00pm<br>Saturday<br>10:00am-6:30pm<br>Sunday<br>7:45am-12noon                                   |
| SUN 28th December<br>8:30am  | Int. Stella Stevens R.I.P.  | WEEKDAY MASSES  |
| SUN 28th December<br>10:15am   | Int. For all families   | Tuesday - Friday  |
| MON 29th December  | Private Mass  | 8:45am: Exposition of<br>Blessed Sacrament<br>and Morning Prayer.   |
| TUES 30th December   | Feria<br>No Morning Prayer<br>No Mass   | 9:30am: Mass<br>Please note changes<br>to Services, Mass<br>times & Church<br>Opening times during<br>the Christmas Season. |
| WED 31st December<br>11:00pm<br>12 Midnight  | No Morning Prayer<br>No Morning Mass<br>NEW YEAR'S EVE- SERVICE OF CROSSING OVER<br>Prayer and reflection<br>Mass Int. Peace in our World | First Friday Adoration<br>is suspended due to<br>the ongoing works.   |
| THUR 1st January<br>10:00am  | Mary, The Mother of God<br>Int. People of the Parish  | WEEKEND MASSES  |
| FRI 2nd January<br>9:30am  | Saint Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops<br>Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners   | Saturday Vigil Mass<br>5:30pm<br>Sunday<br>8:30am and 10.15am   |
| <b>MASS INTENTIONS/BLESSINGS:</b><br>Please use a Mass Intention envelope from the porch, fill in your details and return it to Fr Clement. An offering donation may be placed in the envelope, or use the Contactless machine or BACS to Nat West Bank St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, reference 'Mass Intention'. Please state if your intention is private, and kindly seek consent from other living persons before submitting an intention for them, thank you. |   | <b>CONFESSIONS</b><br>Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm<br>or by appointment  |

**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**

**Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton**

**Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni**

Email: [hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk)

**Safeguarding representative: contact below**

Email: [hartleydbs@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto: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. 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 11th January 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.

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST.**

Christmas Offering envelopes are available now in the porch for your personal gift offering. You may also use the Cashless machine or online banking to: Nat West Bank, Account name: St Francis de Sales, Account no. 34143580 SC 60-06-33. Please use the reference 'Christmas Offering' Thank you for your kindness and support.

### **ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB**

**December Draw winners: 1st prize £160.00 no.151 Y. Hegarty. 2nd Prize £120 no.129 R. Hunt. 3rd Prize £80 no.68 T. Johnston**

Membership is open to anyone over 16years old. For more, Contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902 or email Tina or Kate at [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

### **ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S 2025 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**



In his annual Christmas message, Archbishop John Wilson said: "The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him". To watch and read the full message, scan the QR Code or click [rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025](https://rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025)

**SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2026 AT 10:30am**

**St. Francis de Sales Feast Day Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks celebrating, followed by a parish celebration lunch.**

On the weekend of 24/25th January, we will have our 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, then **ONE Parish Mass at 10:30am on Sunday 25th** when Bishop Paul will bless our new thatched roof.

If you will be attending Mass on the Saturday evening, please do come with your family to join us on Sunday for lunch. Everyone is welcome.

### **SVP MESSAGE**

"The St Vincent de Paul Society want to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who contributed to the Carol Service and for their kind donations which will help those in need not only over the Christmas season but throughout the year. "

### **CRIB COLLECTION 2025**

The Crib Appeal Box has been placed in front of the Nativity Scene during the Season of Christmas. This year, we are encouraged to give our donation in support of children and families in need, and especially in aid of those living in the Holy Land, who are struggling at this time. Please see the Crib Collection posters in the church and on the noticeboard outside the church.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

### **PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

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

We look forward to restarting sessions soon and sharing this time of faith friendship and community with our young parishioners.



**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 - Year 13.**

***Faith • Friendship • Service***

**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 porch and return it to Fr Clement or the parish office. Meeting dates to be confirmed soon. Thank you to those who have signed up, we will be in touch soon.

| DATES                                       | MASS/SERVICE   | TIMES     |
|---|--|-----------|
| Christmas and New Year Masses and Services. | Please see the sheet attached to the newsletter. and also on the church noticeboard. |           |
| Wed 31st December                           | Prayer & Reflection with Mass at 12 midnight   | 11:00pm   |
| Tuesday 6th January                         | Feast of the Epiphany, A Holy Day of Obligation                                      | 9:30am    |
| Tuesday 6th January                         | Feast of the Epiphany, OLOH School Mass  | 11:00am   |
| Saturday 24th January                       | Vigil Mass of Sunday   | 5:30pm    |
| Sunday 25th January                         | Feast of St Francis de Sales - One parish Mass                                       | 10:30am   |
| Sunday 25th January                         | Feast Day Celebration in OLOH School Hall  | 12:00-2pm |

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**21st December 2025**

**Envelopes: £20.00**

**Loose cash: £85.45**

**Contactless: £124.50**

**2nd Collection: £162.45**

*Thank you for your support.*

**2nd Collection this weekend:**

**Parish Needs**

**Christmas Offering envelopes are available on the greeting table in the porch. Thank you.**

### THATCH FUND

**Donations received 21st December: £3.00**

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-](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)**

**Hartley**

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk). **Newsletter items received after 11.00am Thursday may not be included that week.** Editor reserves the right to edit articles. A parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark. CIO Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

**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!**

**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](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) Thank you!**

Support our parish

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**[forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/](http://forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/)**