



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

Parish Newsletter 18th January 2026

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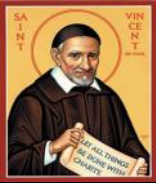
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) Mass Book page 125**

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 17th January	Morn: Saint Anthony, Abbot, Memorial.	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 18th January 8:30am	Int. Holy Souls	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 18th January 10:15am	Int.	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
MON 19th January	Private Mass	Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
TUES 20th January 9:30am	Feria/ St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr/ St Sebastian, Martyr Int. Theresa Murphy, wellbeing.	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
WED 21st January 9:30am	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial Int.	First Friday Adoration is suspended due to ongoing repair works.
THUR 22nd January 9:30am	Feria OR St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr Int.	
FRI 23rd January 9:30am	Feria Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	

**MASS INTENTIONS/BLESSINGS:**

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.

**CONFESSIONS**

Tues-Fri  
8:50am-9:20am  
Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm  
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)  
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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 18th 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.

### **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.

### **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved parishioner Angela Carpenter who died on 2nd January 2026. May she rest in peace.

If you would like to contact Angela's family, please email [m.carpenter519@btinternet.com](mailto:m.carpenter519@btinternet.com)

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

**St. Francis de Sales Feast Day and Foundation Day of The Congregation of the Mission - Mass and Parish Celebration.**

We will have our 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, then **ONE Parish Mass at 10:30am on Sunday 25th** when Bishop Paul Hendricks will celebrate and bless our new thatched roof.

We will then gather in the school hall for a 2 course roast dinner/dessert with refreshments

**We do need an idea of the numbers we will be catering for so please tick the sheet in the entrance porch to indicate your attendance for the meal– whether adult or child, NO NAMES PLEASE. Also, if a vegetarian/vegan option is needed or any other dietary requirements.**

**For those who will attend 5:30pm Mass on Saturday evening, please do come back with your family to join us on Sunday for lunch.**

Should you wish to make a donation towards the celebration, please use the contactless machine or bank transfer ref: Lunch 25/01/26  
Thank you.

### **PARISH BARN DANCE/CEILIDH**

The Barn Dance will be taking place on Friday 13th February 2026 from 7.30pm to 10.30pm at Longfield and New Barn Village Hall, Fawkham Road, Longfield. This is a very enjoyable evening suitable for all ages to socialise and dance. The Doves Vagaries will be providing the Live Music and the Call for the Event. A Flyer will be handed out at the end of each Mass with further information. Thank You.

## SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ON SATURDAY

24th JANUARY 2026 AT 10:00am

The Service will be followed by refreshments in the meeting room and an opportunity for fellowship. All are warmly invited to join us. More details from [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com)

## St GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL 2ND COLLECTION 25th JANUARY 2026.

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light, serving as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

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Or Scan QR Code

Mon-Fri 9am-5 pm: 020 7960 2504

Cash/Cheque-St George's Cathedral envelopes which will be in the church porch.



## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

**For children in Years 4 to 6** — a place where our young people can grow in faith together, learn more about Jesus, and build friendships in a safe, welcoming, and joyful environment.

**We warmly invite families of children in Y4-Y6 to be part of this new ministry – starting on Saturday 7th February at 4pm in the church meeting room.**

The group will meet **once a month**. Our aim is to create a place where children can ask questions, pray together, play together, and discover that faith is something we live, not just something we learn about.

When we meet, sessions might include:

- Short reflections on the Gospel
- Games and team challenges
- Creative activities like art, drama, or music
- Prayer experiences that are engaging and meaningful
- Simple acts of service and kindness

Everything will be designed to help our children know that **God loves them**, that **church is a place they belong**, and that **faith can be joyful and relevant in their everyday lives**.

Please keep this group in your prayers, and if you feel called to help in any way — through volunteering, supporting, or encouraging your children — we would love to hear from you. Thank you for supporting our youth— they truly are the future of our Church.

## VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

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

**Faith • Friendship • Service**

**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 and return it to Fr Clement or White Friars. Meeting dates to be confirmed soon.

**Registration forms for all 3 Youth Groups are available in the church porch or on the parish website. Parental Consent needed for under 18s**

DATES	MASS/SERVICE	TIMES
Wednesday mornings	Coffee and Cake morning	10-12noon
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

11th January 2026

Envelopes: £77.00

Loose cash: £80.75

Contactless: £144.00

2nd Collection: £118.60

*Thank you for your support.*

**2nd Collection this weekend:**

**Parish Needs**

**Crib Collection 2025: £59.98**

### THATCH FUND

**Donations received 11th Jan 2026: £6:00**

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)

#### ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

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

**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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