



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

Parish Newsletter 1st February 2026

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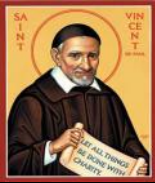
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 31st January VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 1st February 8:30am	Int. Ricardo Gray R.I.P. Int. 7th Birthday Blessing	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
SUN 1st February 10:15am 1:00pm	Angela Carpenter R.I.P. Baptism	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass First Friday Adoration is suspended due to ongoing repair works.
MON 2nd February 9:30am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Int. Barbara Platel R.I.P.	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50am-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
TUES 3rd February 9:30am	St Lawrence of Canterbury, Bishop, Memorial Int. Holy Souls	
WED 4th February 9:30am	Feria St. Henry Morse, Priest and Martyr Int. Eileen Lee R.I.P.	
THUR 5th February 9:30am	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	
FRI 6th February 9:30am	Sts Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial. Int. Mervyn Wheeler R.I.P.	
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 made by using 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.		

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new parishioners to St Francis de Sales, Hartley. Please introduce yourselves to Fr Clement and fill in a Parishioner Registration Form, available on the welcome table 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 1st February at 10:15am Mass.

For Safeguarding purposes, the Meeting Room is not available for other use during the 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.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT GERARD BRADLEY - MASS FEBRUARY 2nd.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Canon Gerard Bradley as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark. The Holy Father has assigned him the Titular See of Beverley, the birthplace in Yorkshire of St John Fisher, beloved to us all in our Archdiocese as a former Catholic Bishop of Rochester. Bishop-elect Gerard's Episcopal Ordination and Mass is on **Monday 2 February 2026 at 12.30pm, the Feast of the Presentation, at St George's Cathedral. Mass will be livestreamed <https://rcaos.org.uk>** Please keep Bishop-elect Gerard in your prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination.

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. Flyers with further information are available on the table in the church porch. Thank You.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. There will be 2 Masses with distribution of Ashes at 9:30am and 7:30pm

FRIDAY LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning on Friday 20th February, and each Friday in Lent, starting at 7:30pm.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP Years 4 to 6

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, then 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 may include:

- Short reflections on the Gospel
- Games and team challenges
- Creative activities: art, drama, 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, we would love to hear from you. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Registration forms for are available on the welcome table or on the parish website. Parental Consent is needed for under 18s.

VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

Please read the inserted newsletter article regarding the outcome of the Youth Group's recent charitable fundraising activity.

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!

Registration forms are available on the welcome table in the porch or on the parish website. Parental Consent is needed for under 18s.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP for those aged 18-35

Chiedza and Nikki will be addressing the parish at all Masses this weekend to give an update on the Young Adult Group. Thankyou.

Please pick up a registration form on the welcome table in the church porch and return it to Fr Clement or White Friars. Meeting dates to be confirmed soon. Thank you.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

The Draw for January will take place this Sunday 1st February after 8:30am Mass.

Membership is open to anyone over 16years old. Information can be found in the porch or on the parish website. For more, Contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902 or email Tina or Kate at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

DATES	MASS/SERVICE	TIMES
Wednesday mornings	Coffee and Cake morning	10-12noon
Wednesday 18th February	Ash Wednesday- Mass with Ashes distributed	9:30, 7:30pm
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent	7:30pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

25th January 2026

Envelopes: £23.00

Loose cash: £72.39

Contactless: £153.00

2nd Collection St George's Cathedral:

£112.10

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend:

Parish Needs

Standing Order January 2026:

£2,129.00

THATCH FUND

Donations in January 2026: £136.80

Our ongoing weekly, monthly, or annual commitment to the Thatch Fund is vital for the interim maintenance work which will happen in 15 years or so, midway to the next complete rethatching. Every small donation made along the way will help us reach our next target. Thank you so much.

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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2026-2027

Parishioners registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme - there are envelope boxes in the porch still waiting to be collected.

PLEASE USE THESE CORRECT ENVELOPES

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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