



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

Parish Newsletter 25th January 2026

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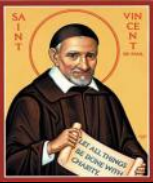
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) Mass Book page 127

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 24th January 10:00am VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Service for Christian Unity Int. People of the Parish	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 25th January	No 8:30am Mass	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 25th January 10:15am	St Francis de Sales Feast Day Int. Jim Regan R.I.P. Anniversary Int. Evlyn Clarke 1st Birthday Int. Poppy Tomlinson 9th Birthday	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
MON 26th January	Private Mass	
TUES 27th January 9:30am	Feria OR St. Angela Merici, Virgin Int. Holy Souls	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
WED 28th January 9:30am	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church Int.	First Friday Adoration is suspended due to ongoing repair works.
THUR 29th January 9:30am	Feria Int.	
FRI 30th January 9:30am	Feria Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50am-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
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.		

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 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

NO Children's Liturgy on Sunday 25th January, resuming on Sunday 1st February.

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 ON 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.** Please keep Bishop-elect Gerard in your prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination.

THIS SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2026 AT 10:30am St. Francis de Sales Feast Day and Foundation Day of The Congregation of the Mission with Bishop Paul Hendricks celebrating, followed by lunch in Our Lady of Hartley school hall.

We do need an idea of the total numbers we will be catering for so please let us know TODAY if you want lunch but haven't given notice. Also, if a vegetarian/vegan option is needed or any other dietary requirements.

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

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.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves 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!

Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral

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.



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.

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.

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!

Registration forms for all Groups are available in the church porch or on the parish website. Parental Consent is 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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

18th January 2026

Envelopes: £33.00

Loose cash: £98.10

Contactless: £131.50

2nd Collection: £97.75

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend:

St. George's Cathedral Appeal

Please see note inside newsletter

THATCH FUND

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

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

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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