



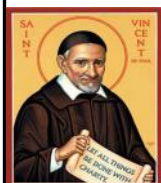
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 4th January 2026

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

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 3rd January	Morn: Feria of Christmas Time/The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Pat and Jim Gregory R.I.P.	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 4th January 8:30am	Int. People of the Parish	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 4th January 10:15am	Int. Holy Souls	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
MON 5th January	Private Mass	First Friday Adoration is suspended due to the ongoing works.
TUES 6th January 9:30am 11:00am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Parish Mass. Int. Edith and Wilfred Goodfellow R.I.P. Mass with OLOH School. Int. Blessings for the New Term	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
WED 7th January 9:30am	Feria of Christmas Time/St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Int.	CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50am-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
THUR 8th January 9:30am	Feria of Christmas Time Int. John Bull and Monica Bull R.I.P.	
FRI 9th January 9:30am	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.		

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

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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
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.

TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Season of Christmas ends on Sunday 11th January and we will need help to take the decorations down. If you can spare some time on Monday 12th January from 9:30am, we would greatly appreciate it.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners of the Raffle. The lucky numbers were as follows: 702, 561,637, 15, 61, 12, 265 and 380
Hope you all enjoyed your Prizes. Very many thanks to all those who took part and for raising funds for our parish. We are pleased to confirm we raised £1,070.00 profit from this, which was a great result. Thank you

'TOGETHER IS BETTER' COFFEE MORNING

The coffee & cake morning resumes on Wednesday 7th January at 10.00am. Yvonne and Theresa look forward to meeting you all again and to welcoming new parishioners.

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE

The CWC will NOT MEET In January. Weather permitting we will meet in February.

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 make our donations in support of children in crisis and families in the Holy Land, who are struggling especially 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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2025

Thank you for your kindness and support. For those who have been away from the parish, Christmas Offering envelopes are available 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 reference 'Christmas Offering' Thank you.

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2026 AT 10:30am

St. Francis de Sales Feast Day Mass 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 celebrate and bless our new thatched roof. For those who will attend 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, please do come back with your family to join us on Sunday for lunch.

FR CLEMENT WILL BE ON RETREAT

Fr Clement will be going on priestly retreat in the week beginning Monday 12th January.

There will not be any weekday Morning Prayer or Mass from Tuesday 13th-Friday 16th, however, the church will be open during the day for private prayer. Thank you.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

For children in School Year 4 - Year 6.

We look forward to restarting sessions soon. **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 and return it to Fr Clement or the Meeting dates to be confirmed soon.

DATES	MASS/SERVICE	TIMES
Tuesday 6th January	Feast of the Epiphany, A Holy Day of Obligation	9:30am
Tuesday 6th January	Feast of the Epiphany, OLOH School only Mass	11:00am
Wednesday 7th January	Coffee and Cake morning	10-12noon
Tues 13-Fri 16th January	No Morning Prayer and NO 9:30am Mass	
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

28th December 2025

Envelopes: £27.00

Loose cash: £68.60

Contactless: £41.00

2nd Collection: £85.10

Christmas Offering: £1,845.16

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend:

Parish Needs

CRIB COLLECTION 2025: Children's Society & Friends of the Holy Land

The Crib Box will be in place beside the Nativity Scene until 11th January

THATCH FUND

Donations received December 2025: £46.90

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**

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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