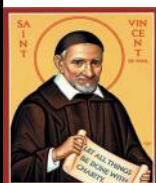




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Parish Newsletter 15th February 2026  
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 14th February VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Ethan, taking his final exams at Medical School.	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 15th February 8:30am	Int. Jack Hinde R.I.P. First Anniversary	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
SUN 15th February 10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	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 16th February 9:30am	Private Mass	CONFESIONS Tues-Fri 8:50am-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
TUES 17th February 9:30am	Int. Deceased family members of Welch-Bicarregui family	
WED 18th February 9:30am 7:30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY, A day of fasting and abstinence. Int. Int. Holy Souls	
THUR 19th February 9:30am	Feria Int.	
FRI 20th February 9:30am	Feria Int. Sick and Housebound Parishioners	
<b>MASS INTENTIONS/BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:</b> Please use a Mass Intention envelope from the porch, fill in all necessary details and return it to Fr Clement. An offering donation may be placed in the envelope, or by using the Contactless machine 'Mass Intention' (please submit an envelope and state 'machine' where relevant, thankyou) 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 the consent necessary from any living person 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](mailto:clementeru@rcaos.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton  
Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

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DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
Tel: 07872572994

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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 in the spring, dates to be confirmed.**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHILDREN IN YrR-Yr3 Will resume on Sunday 1st March 10:15am**

### **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.

### **LENTEN SEASON BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Our Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. This is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be 2 Masses here with distribution of Ashes, the first at 9:30am and in the evening at 7:30pm.**

### **FRIDAY DIVINE MERCY PRAYER**

You are invited to join the Divine Mercy 3o'clock prayer in the church on Fridays during Lent, beginning on 20th February.

### **FRIDAY LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We will hold our Lent Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30pm, the first being on Friday 20th February.

Proceeds from our weekly Lent fasting will be collected after Divine Mercy Prayer or Stations of the Cross and all donations will be used at the end of Lent to assist the poor. Thankyou for your charitable giving.

### **CLERGY SUPPORT FUND 2ND COLLECTION**

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for our parishes, thank you for making this possible.

Envelopes are available on the welcome table in the church or scan the QR code here. You can also use the contactless machine in the church. Please Gift Aid your donation if possible. You can also donate via the finance office Mon-Fri on 0207960 2504

Visit [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF)

***Please keep our Priests in your prayers.***



**\*PLEASE SAVE THE DATE\***

We are pleased to announce our Annual Parish Fete will be on Saturday 13th June 2026 between 12 Noon and 4pm  
More details will be coming soon.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP School Years 4-6**

We warmly invite parents of children in primary school Y4-Y6 to register their children for our parish Youth Group.

Our aim is to create a place where children can ask questions, pray & 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, church is a place they belong, and 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**

**Please pick up a registration form on the welcome table in the church porch and return it to Fr Clement or White Friars.**

The first gathering will take place on Sunday 1st March, more details to be confirmed soon. Thank you.

**ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB**

Membership is open to anyone over 16years old. For more, contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902 or email Tina or Kate at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MASS/SERVICE</b>	<b>TIMES</b>
<b>Wednesday mornings</b>	<b>Coffee and Cake morning</b>	<b>10-12noon</b>
<b>Wednesday 18th February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass with Ashes distributed</b>	<b>9:30am 7:30pm</b>
<b>Divine Mercy Prayer</b>	<b>Fridays in Lent, beginning Fri 20th February</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>
<b>Lent Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Fridays in Lent, beginning Fri 20th February</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Holy Week Services</b>	<b>Beginning with Palm Sunday 29th March</b>	<b>Sunday Masses</b>
<b>1st April (NO 9:30 Mass)</b>	<b>Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>2nd April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday The Lord's Supper</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>3rd April Good Friday</b>	<b>Begins with Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

8th February 2026

Envelopes: £42.00

Loose cash: £108.42

Contactless: £179.00

**2nd Collection: Parish Needs**

**£118.37**

*Thank you for your support.*

**2nd Collection this weekend:**

**Clergy Support Fund (Diocesan)**

**Please read inside the newsletter or see the poster on the noticeboard**

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

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2025-2026

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

**WE SHOULD BE USING THESE 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.**

### **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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