



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

Parish Newsletter 1st March 2026

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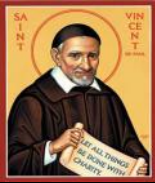
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St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

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| | MASS INTENTIONS | THE CHURCH IS OPEN |
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| SAT 28th February 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 March 8:30am | Int. Holy Souls | WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am |
| SUN 1st March 10:15am | Int. Marie Bazalgette, for lung transplant. | WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass |
| MON 2nd March 9:30am | Private Mass | FRIDAYS IN LENT 3:00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross |
| TUES 3rd March 9:30am | Feria Int. | CONFESSIONS Tuesday-Friday 8:50am-9:20am Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment |
| WED 4th March 9:30am | Feria Int. Private Intention of M. Maisey | |
| THUR 5th March 9:30am | Feria Int. Sick and Housebound Parishioners | |
| FRI 6th March 9:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm | Feria. Women's World Day of Prayer. Int. Hassan Ismayil and Denis Ismail R.I.P. Divine Mercy Prayer and Benediction Stations of the Cross | |

REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS and BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS.

Please take a Mass Intention envelope from the table in the porch, fill in the details and return it to Fr Clement. An offering donation may be placed in the envelope, or use the Contactless machine Mass Intention/Blessing (please also submit an Intention envelope, donation 'machine') or BACS to Nat West Bank, Acc: St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort Code 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 (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 in the spring, dates to be confirmed.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHILDREN IN YrR-Yr3 Sunday 1st March 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 this causes.

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. 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.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT: DIVINE MERCY PRAYER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join our Divine Mercy Prayer at 3'Oclock in the church. on Fridays during Lent AND our Lent Stations of the Cross in the church on Fridays at 7:30pm.

Almsgiving from our weekly Lent Fasting will be collected after Divine Mercy Prayer and Stations of the Cross — all donations will be passed on at the end of Lent. Thankyou

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

February Draw winners: 1st Prize, £60 no.60 T Gordon, 2nd Prize £30 no.17 M. Nash. Membership is open to anyone over 16years old. Contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902 stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

The CWC meeting for March is CANCELLED. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th April at 1:45pm. Thank you.

BARN DANCE/CEILIDH—THANK YOU

Thanks again to all who supported and attended the Barn Dance, it was a fantastic turnout and a great success. The whole event, including the Raffle took over £1,200 which, after expenses, has raised £670 profit for the parish, which is fantastic. Thank you to all who contributed. We have diarised the next Barn Dance which will be on **Friday 5th February 2027** and already have names on the waiting list. Please keep this date free in your diary. Thank you again for your continued support and contributions.

A DAY WITH MARY

Westminster Cathedral Saturday 14 March 2026(9.45am-5.00pm) Further information is available from Trevor Downs Tel: 020 8641 6418 or at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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.

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

Please keep this group in your prayers, and if you feel called to help in any way, we would love to hear from you, please speak to Fr Clement. Thank you for supporting our youth. Forms are available on the parish website or on the welcome table.

VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

For teenagers in School Year 7 - Year 13.

Faith • Friendship • Service

This group is open to those 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 Under 18s are available on the welcome table in the church porch or on the parish website

YOUNG ADULT GROUP for aged 18-30yrs

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST MEETING ON SUNDAY 1ST MARCH AT 12 NOON IN THE MEETING ROOM.

This group is open to young adults aged 18 to 30 and is a welcoming, relaxed space for connection, friendship, service, and spiritual growth. It is a place to belong, to ask questions, to grow closer to God, and to journey together in faith.

The group will be involved in a range of activities, including Bible study and faith discussions, prayer, worship, community service and social gatherings.

There will also be opportunities to connect with other young adult groups locally and to take part in Diocesan events and programmes.

We look forward to welcoming new faces and watch the group grow. Thank you.

Chi and Nikki

| DATES | MASS/SERVICE | TIMES |
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| Wednesday mornings | Coffee & Cake morning (not Apr 1/8/15/22) | 10-12noon |
| Fridays during Lent | Divine Mercy Prayer & Stations of the Cross | 3:00pm & 7:30pm |
| Holy Week | Beginning with Palm Sunday 29th March | Sunday Masses |
| 1st April (NO 9:30 Mass) | Chrim Mass at St. George's Cathedral | 11:00am |
| 2nd April | Maundy Thursday The Lord's Supper | 7:30pm |
| 3rd April Good Friday | Liturgy begins with Stations of the Cross at | 2:00pm |
| 4th April Holy Saturday | NO confessions today. Easter Vigil begins at | 8:00pm |
| 5th April Easter Sunday | The Resurrection of the Lord | 8:30am & 10:15am |
| 12th April | Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration | 2:30pm |

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

22nd February 2026

Envelopes: £40.00

Loose cash: £99.95

Contactless: £163.00

2nd Collection: £103.30

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend: CAFOD

In parts of Zimbabwe there is too little rain. In parts of Bangladesh and South Sudan, there is too much. The result is the same – seeds fail to grow, plants die, and families go hungry. This Lent, our gifts can help communities find innovative, sustainable ways of growing food in the harshest conditions and our act of love for our neighbours can grow and blossom around the world.

Please use the CAFOD LENT FAST DAY envelopes available on the welcome table to gift aid your donation. Thank you.

THATCH FUND

Thank you for your vital ongoing support

Donations can be made by:

- Cash, via the church Thatch Fund Box
- Contactless machine, in the church porch
- 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.

•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.

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Scan the QR code or visit:
forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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