



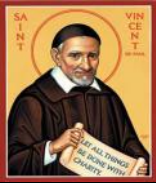
Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 22nd February 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 21st February VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Holy Souls	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 22nd February 8:30am	Int. RCIA Candidates journeying towards Easter.	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
SUN 22nd February 10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
MON 23rd February 9:30am	Private Mass	FRIDAYS IN LENT 3:00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross
TUES 24th February 9:30am	Feria Int. Marian Kneller R.I.P. Anniversary	CONFESSIONS Tuesday-Friday 8:50am-9:20am Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
WED 25th February 9:30am	Feria Int.	
THUR 26th February 9:30am	Feria Int.	
FRI 27th February 9:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Feria CAFOD FAST DAY Int. Sick and Housebound Parishioners 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
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.

FRIDAYS DURING LENTEN SEASON

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

You are invited to join our Divine Mercy Prayer at 3'0clock in the church on Fridays during Lent.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join our Lent Stations of the Cross in the church on Fridays at 7:30pm **Proceeds from our weekly Lent Fasting will be collected after Divine Mercy Prayer and Stations of the Cross — all donations will be used at the end of Lent to assist the poor. Thankyou for your charitable giving.**

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

COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

The last coffee and cake morning will be Wednesday 25th March, due to the Easter celebrations. We will return again on Wednesday 29th of April and will be offering a hot light breakfast. All are welcome. Thank you. Theresa and Yvonne

A DAY WITH MARY, 40th ANNIVERSARY

At St Mary of the Crays, Old Road, Crayford
Saturday 7th March 2026 starting 10:00am
Please see the noticeboard for the schedule and further information.

PARISH FETE- 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.

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 are available on the welcome table in the church porch or on the parish website. Parental Consent is required for under 18s.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP for those aged 18-30

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

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
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)	Chrism 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

15th February 2026

Envelopes: £23.00

Loose cash: £58.79

Contactless: £138.00

2nd Collection: Clergy Support Fund

£117.00

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend:

Parish Needs

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 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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