



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

Parish Newsletter 8th February 2026

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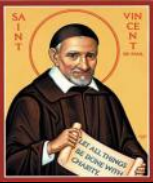
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This parish is served by the Vincentians

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) Mass Book page 133

| | | MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| SAT | 7th February | Int. People of the Parish | THE CHURCH IS OPEN Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am 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. CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50am-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment |
| VIGIL MASS | 5:30pm | | |
| SUN | 8th February | Int. Felin Welch, 99th Birthday | |
| | 8:30am | | |
| SUN | 8th February | Int. Holy Souls | |
| | 10:15am | | |
| MON | 9th February | Private Mass | |
| | 9:30am | | |
| TUES | 10th February | Saint Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial | |
| | No Mass | Electrical inspection in the church from 8:30am | |
| WED | 11th February | Feria OR Our Lady of Lourdes. World Day for the sick | |
| | 9:30am | Int. Sick and Housebound Parishioners | |
| THUR | 12th February | Feria | |
| | 9:30am | Int. Philomena Ford R.I.P. 1st Anniversary | |
| FRI | 13th February | Feria | |
| | 9:30am | Int. Private Intention of Ann. | |
| MASS INTENTIONS/BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: 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 (*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 8th February 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.

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.

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

CWC will meet on 11th February at 1.45pm as usual. We forward to seeing you then. All are welcome to our friendly gathering.

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. Flyers with further information are available in the church porch. Thank you

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten journey this year will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. There will be two Masses with distribution of Ashes, at 9:30am and 7:30pm.

FRIDAY LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning on Friday 20th February, and each Friday in Lent, starting at **7:30pm**.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

January Draw winners: 1st prize: £60 no. 89 C. Wilton 2nd prize £30 no.120, M. Balagova Membership is open to anyone over 16years old. Information can be found in the porch or on the parish website. For more, Contact Tina on 07789862902 or email Tina or Kate at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND 2ND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND, 14th/15th FEBRUARY 2026**

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 parishes— you make supporting our clergy in retirement possible. Find out how to donate to next week’s Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan the QR code.



**VINCENTIAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE:
PARIS, LOURDES, NEVERS. 7-14th JULY 2026**

COST PER PERSON: £850 sharing, £1095 in single room

COST INCLUDES: All travel by luxury executive coach and return ferry-crossing Dover/Calais. Fully comprehensive travel insurance up to 93years of age.

2 nights half board Paris area.

3 nights full board Lourdes

1 night half board Puy-en-Valey

Last night half board Nevers.

Daily Mass. Please see the noticeboard for further information and booking details.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP School 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, then 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 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. 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.

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. Date of our first meeting will be confirmed soon.

| DATES | MASS/SERVICE | TIMES |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Wednesday mornings | Coffee and Cake morning | 10-12noon |
| Wednesday 11th February | Catholic Welcome Circle | 1:45pm |
| Wednesday 18th February | Ash Wednesday- Mass with Ashes distributed | 9:30, 7:30pm |
| Stations of the Cross | Fridays in Lent, beginning Friday 20th Feb. | 7:30pm |

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

1st February 2026

Envelopes: £33.00

Loose cash: £97.52

Contactless: £170.00

2nd Collection: Parish Needs

£118.60

Thank you for your support.

2nd Collection this weekend:

Parish Needs

Standing Orders January 2026: £2,129.00

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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Please help us raise funds **FREE** by using *easyfundraising* when you shop online!

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Sign up is **FREE** and easy! Please visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk Thank you!

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forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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