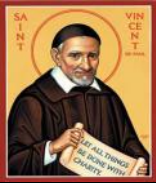




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Parish Newsletter 22nd March 2026
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 21st March VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Ann Craine R.I.P.	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
SUN 22nd March 8:30am	Int. Holy Souls.	
SUN 22nd March 10:15am 12noon	Int. Joan Owen R.I.P. 1st Anniversary Young Adults Group Meeting	
MON 23rd March 9:30am	Private Mass	
TUES 24th March	Feria NO MASS	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
WED 25th March 9:30am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY Int. People of the Parish	FRIDAYS IN LENT 3:00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross
THUR 26th March 9:30am 11:30am	Feria Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners Funeral Service for David Anthony Hawthorne	
FRI 27th March 9:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Feria Int. Our Lady of Hartley School pupils and staff. Divine Mercy Prayer and Benediction Stations of the Cross	
REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS and BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS. Please fill a Mass Intention envelope from the table in the porch 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) or BACS to Nat West Bank, Acc: St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33, reference 'Mass Intention'. State if your intention is private, and seek consent from living persons before submitting an intention for them thank you.		CONFESSIONS Tuesday-Friday 8:50am-9:20am Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment

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. 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 attend Mass and speak to Fr Clement for application forms. Parents must complete a Preparation Course of 2 sessions before Baptism can take place. **The next course will take place on Saturday 2nd May 2pm-4pm and Saturday 6th June 2pm-4pm.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: CHILDREN IN YrR-Yr3 **Sunday 22nd 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.

SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALLY COMMISSION LENT REFLECTIONS.

Each day during Lent, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will be sending a reflection to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus. Sign-up at rcaos.org.uk/lenreflections26

VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

For teenagers in School Year 7 - Year 13

Faith • Friendship • Service

The group will be meeting on Sunday 29th March at 1pm-2.30pm in the church Meeting Room. All teenagers are warmly invited.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for ages 18-30 years

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 22nd March 12noon in the church Meeting Room.

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details and how to register for this event.

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, faith discussions, prayer, worship, community service and social gatherings.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Membership to the 200 Club is open to anyone over 16yrs. The relevant information is available on the parish website or in the church porch. Contact Tina on 07789862902 or email stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

DATE	CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026	TIME
Fridays in Lent	Divine Mercy Prayer	3:00pm
Fridays in Lent	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
21/22 nd March	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sunday Mass
Sun 22 nd March	YOUNG ADULTS GROUP MEETING	12 noon
Fri 27 th March	OLOH PRIMARY SCHOOL End of term Mass	9:30am
Sat 28 th March	1st Session of General Reconciliation and Confession	11am-12noon
Sat 28 th March	2nd Session of General Reconciliation and Confession	4.00 -5.00pm
28 th /29 th March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	All Masses
HOLY WEEK BEGINS TODAY	Please gather at White Friars 10 mins before Mass for Blessing of Ashes and Procession to the church	5:20pm 8:20am, 10.05
Sun 29 th March	VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP MEETING	1:00pm
Tues 31 st March	Morning Mass	9:30am
Wed 1 st April	No Morning Mass in Hartley	
Wed 1 st April	Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral	11:30am
	EASTER TRIDUUM	
Thurs 2 nd April	MAUNDY THURSDAY Divine Office/Morning Prayer/ Practice for all ministering in the Maundy Thursday Service	10:00am To follow
Thurs 2 nd April	MAUNDY THURSDAY THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7:30pm
	Followed by Watching with the Lord	
Fri 3 rd April	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)	
	Divine Office/Morning Prayer	9:30am
	Walk of Pilgrimage (previously known as Walk of Witness)	9am-1:00pm
	Parish Stations of the Cross	2:00pm
	The Passion of the Lord	3:00pm
	Divine Mercy Novena Day 1	Private prayer
Sat 4 th April	HOLY SATURDAY	
	Divine Office/Morning Prayer/ Practice for all ministering in the Easter Vigil Service	10:00am To follow
	Divine Mercy Novena Day 2	Private prayer
	EASTER SEASON	
	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	8:00pm
Sun 5 th April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8:30am, 10:15
Mon 6 th April	Mon 6 th - Fri 10 th April Divine Mercy Novena Day 4-8	private prayer
Tue 7 th -Fri 10 th	No morning Masses celebrated on these days	
Sat 11 th April	Divine Mercy Prayer Novena Day 9 in the church	3:00pm
Sun 12 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration	2:30pm
Sat/Sun 18/19 th	Mission Appeal—The Augustinians	All Masses

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF PILGRIMAGE Traditionally The Good Friday Walk of Witness (renamed) will begin at 9am from Saint Mary Magdalene's Church, Longfield. The route covers all local Churches including our own, ending at Saint Peter and Paul, Ash, around 1pm. carolwilton0@gmail.com

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

15th March 2026

Envelopes: £66.00 Loose cash: £80.00

Contactless: £102.00

2nd Collection PARISH NEEDS: £137.36

**This week's 2nd Collection: Diocesan
Collection for Poor Parishes**

Thank you for your support.

EASTER OFFERING 2026

Our Easter Offering is allocated as a separate personal gift to the parish priest.

To assist us, Easter Envelopes are available now on the welcome table in the porch, please note your Gift Aid number. If you are a tax payer but not on the Gift Aid scheme, please use a white Gift Aid envelope and add the relevant details.

The Contactless machine can also be used 'Easter Offering' or a bank transfer to Nat West St Francis de Sales Acc:34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33, re 'Easter' Thank you.

THATCH FUND

Cash collection in February: £68.12

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 to: **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 TAX YEAR 2026-2027

NEW BOXES BEGINNING 12th APRIL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SOON, INCLUDING FOR ANYONE DONATING BY STANDING ORDER. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR NUMBER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

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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