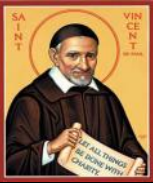




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Parish Newsletter 29th March 2026
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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	28th March 11:00am 4:00pm-5:00pm VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Reconciliation General Confession Session 1 Reconciliation General Confession Session 2 Procession at 5:20pm from White Friars Int. People of the Parish	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN	29th March 8:30am	Procession at 8:20am from White Friars Int. Holy Souls.	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
SUN	29th March 10:15am 1:00-2:30pm	Procession at 10:05 from White Friars Int. Vincentian Marian Youth Group	Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
MON	30th March	NO MASS Monday of Holy Week	WEEKDAY MASSES
TUES	31st March 9:30am	Tuesday of Holy Week Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	Please see the calendar inside the newsletter
WED	1st April 11:30am	Wednesday of Holy Week NO MORNING MASS THE CHRISM MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
THUR	2nd April 10:00am 7:30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Divine Office/Morning Prayer THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
FRI	3rd April 9:30am 2:00pm 3:00pm	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) Divine Office/Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	GENERAL CONFESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SAT 28th MARCH 2026 11am-12noon and 4-5pm

REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS and BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS.
Please fill a Mass Intention request and return it to Fr Clement. An offering donation may be placed in the envelope, or on the Contactless machine (please also submit an Intention envelope) or BACS to Nat West Bank, Acc: St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33, ref 'Mass Intention'. State if your intention is private & seek consent if submitting an Intention for any living person thank you.

Please note, this is the only time available for Confession to be heard before Easter.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY 10.00am - 2.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Clement Eru CM
Email: clementeru@rcaos.org.uk (*Day off: Mon*)

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton
Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST
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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. 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 29th 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.

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.

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!

*Parental Consent is necessary for Under 18s
The forms are available on the welcome table in the church. Thank you.*

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for ages 18-30 years

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.

Please pick up a registration form in the church or speak to Chi or Nikki for assistance.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Winners of the March Draw: 1st Prize £60 no8 M. Dunne. 2nd Prize £30 no102 Y Hegarty. 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
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 PASSION OF THE LORD	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 Liturgy	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 3rd 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 Solemn Liturgy	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 Liturgy	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 6th April	Mon 6th - Fri 10th April Divine Mercy Novena Day 4-8	private prayer
Tue 7th-Fri 10th	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 18/19th	Mission Appeal—The Augustinians	All Masses
Wed 29th April	Coffee and Cake Morning	10:00am

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 22nd March

Envelopes: £48.00 Loose cash: £83.16

Contactless: £111.50

2nd Collection Poor Parishes: £132.40

2nd Collection this week: Parish Needs

Thank you for your support.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE HOLY PLACES.

Please use the envelope in your Gift Aid box OR add your GA number to the white envelopes on the table in the porch.

EASTER OFFERING 2026

The Easter Collection Offering is allocated as a 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 bank transfer to Nat West Acc:34143580 St Francis de Sales Sort Code 60-06-33, re 'Easter' Thank you for your kindness.

THATCH FUND

Cash collections in February: £68.12

Thank you for your vital ongoing support.

Donations can be made by:

- Cash, via collections/Thatch Fund Box
- Contactless machine, in the church porch
- Cheque to 'St Francis de Sales' ref Thatch
- Using white envelopes, available in church
- Weekly/Monthly Bank Standing Order or BACS donation to: **Nat West Bank. St Francis. Account:34363181 SCode60-06-33.**
- **Justgiving page at www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley.**

GIFT AID ENVELOPES TAX YEAR 2026-2027

BOXES BEGINNING 12th APRIL 2026 WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION NEXT WEEK.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR NUMBER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

For any tax-payers who wish to join the parish scheme, forms are in the porch or please scan the QR code below, thank you

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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