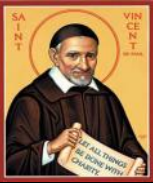




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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A) Mass Book page 158**

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	7th March	Int. Mary Odije Eru R.I.P.	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
	VIGIL MASS 5:30pm	Int. Marie Catherine Jarvis R.I.P. Anniversary.	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	8th March		Sunday 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Barbara Ellerby R.I.P.	
SUN	8th March		WEEKEND MASSES
	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
MON	9th March		Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
	9:30am	Private Mass	WEEKDAY MASSES
TUES	10th March	Feria	Tuesday - Friday
	9:30am	Int. Holy Souls	8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
WED	11th March	Feria	9:30am: Mass
	9:30am	Int. Ailsa Weaver R.I.P. Posthumous 78th Birthday	FRIDAYS IN LENT
THUR	12th March	Feria	3:00pm: Divine Mercy Prayer
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound Parishioners	7:30pm: Stations of the Cross
FRI	13th March	Feria.	
	9:30am	Int.	
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Prayer and Benediction	
	7:30pm	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.

**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](mailto:clementeru@rcaos.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton  
Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST  
DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Email: [hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk)

Tel: 07872572994

Safeguarding representative: contact below

Email: [hartleydbs@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto: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 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

### **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/leentrelections26](https://rcaos.org.uk/leentrelections26).

### **THANK YOU TO 'LOCAL VOCALS' SINGERS**

We would like to say a very big Thank You to Mrs Judy Smith and all the members of the Local Vocals who fundraised from their singing and raised a Total of £913.41 for our parish. This was very much appreciated and very thoughtful of them. We really appreciate their efforts and generosity and the money will be put to good use.

### **COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING**

The last coffee and cake morning will be Wednesday 25th March, due to the Easter celebrations. Thank you, Theresa & Yvonne.

### **CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)**

No meeting in March – our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th April at 1.45pm.

## 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.

## 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

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 22nd March— more details to follow next week.

We would be very happy to welcome you.

*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.*

## SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP PAUL HENDRICKS:

**21st- 28th August 2026** *'I warmly invite you to join me on this year's pilgrimage.*

*A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. I have also found it a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled.'* Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/> Or contact Bishop Paul at [paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

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	Weekend Masses
Tuesday 31st March	Morning Mass	9:30am
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

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

1st March 2026

Envelopes: £49.00

Loose cash: £104.50

Contactless: £144.00

2nd Collection CAFOD: £167.22

Bank Standing Order Feb 2026: £2,179.00

**This week's 2nd Collection: Parish Needs**

*Thank you for your support.*

## THATCH FUND

**Thatch 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 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-](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)**

**Hartley.**

## ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Membership to the 200 Club is open to anyone over 16years old. The relevant information is available on the parish website or in the church porch.

Contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902  
[stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

## 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!**

**Over 7,000 brands** will give small donations to registered charities, so you can raise funds for the parish, at no extra cost, whatever you're buying.

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