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Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

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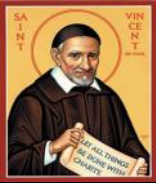
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (or of DIVINE MERCY) (YEAR A) Mass Book page 255

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	11th April		Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Novena Day 9 Prayer in the church	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Int. David and Caoimhe, on their Wedding Day today	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN	12th April		WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
	8:30am	Int. Holy Souls	
	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	
SUN	12th April	Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration	
	2:30pm		
MON	13th April	NO MASS	
TUES	14th April	Feria	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass
	9:30am	Int.	
WED	15th April	Feria	
	9:30am	Int.	
THUR	16th April	Feria	CONFESSION Tuesday-Friday 8:50am-9:20am Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	
FRI	17th April	Feria	
	9:30am	Int.	

REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS and BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS.

Please fill a Mass Intention envelope with your 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'. Please state if your intention is private & seek consent if submitting an Intention for any living person thank you.

Please check the newsletter for any changes this week 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

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Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton

Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

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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 Resumes Sunday 26th April, 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.

RESQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved parishioner Michael Brown who died on 6th March 2026. Please remember Michael's children and family in our prayers

Michael's funeral will take place here on Thursday 23rd April at 11:00am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved parishioner Felin Welch who died last week. Please remember Tina and Brendan Shirley and all the Welch family in our prayers.

Funeral details to follow next week.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

For those who were away from the parish and still wish to make their Easter Offering, there are envelopes on the table in the porch, or please use one of the Contactless machines.

You may also give by Bank Transfer to the parish Nat West Bank account St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort code 60-06-33, reference 'Easter Offering.' Please Gift Aid if possible. Thank you for your kind support.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Membership is open to anyone over 16 years old. For more, contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902 or email Tina or Kate at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

DATE	CALENDAR	TIME
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
Sun 3rd May	Safeguarding Sunday	All Masses
Mon 4th May	Altar Servers Rally at Aylesford Priory Sung Holy Mass at	11:30am
Thurs 14th May	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity, Holy day of Obligation	9:30, 7:30pm
Sun 7th June	First Holy Communion Mass	
Sat 13th June	Parish Fete	12-4pm

MISSION APPEAL 18th/19th APRIL

Next weekend, the Augustinians will hold a Mission Appeal in the parish.

Fr Emmanuel Antony OSA will be visiting us to make the appeal at all our Sunday Masses.

children know that God loves them, church is a place they belong, and faith can be joyful and relevant in their everyday lives.

Date for our next meeting to be confirmed soon. Thank you.

SOUTHWARK ALTAR SERVERS 48th RALLY ON MONDAY 4th MAY 2026

This special day for all our Altar Servers and their families will take place at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. With Sung Holy Mass at 11:30am celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

If your child is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please pick up a recruitment form and speak to Fr Clement, thank you.

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!

Parental Consent is necessary for Under 18s Forms are available on the welcome table in the church for parents to please sign thank you

PARISH YOUTH GROUP School Years 4-6

We encourage parents of children in primary school Y4-Y6 to register their children for our parish Youth Group. Consent Forms are available on the welcome table in the church or from the website.

Our aim is to create a place where children can

- ◇ Ask questions, pray & play together,
- ◇ Discover that faith is something we live, not just something we learn about.

Sessions may include:

- ◇ Short reflections on the Gospel.
- ◇ Creative activities: art, drama, music
- ◇ Prayer experiences that are engaging and meaningful.

Everything will be designed to help our

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.

Our next meeting date will be confirmed soon

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 5th April

Envelopes: £240.00 BACS £250.00

Loose cash: £341.07 Contactless: £481.84

Good Friday Collection: £183.40

Thank you for your support.

This week's 2nd Collection: Parish Needs

Next week's 2nd Collection 18/19th April will be the Augustinians' Mission Appeal

NOTE: Diocesan Collection for the upkeep of St. George's will be taken on 3rd May

GIFT AID ENVELOPES TAX YEAR 2026-2027

New Gift Aid Envelopes beginning Sunday 12th April 2026 are available for collection from the table in the porch. One full box containing Offertory (1st Collection) and Diocesan 2nd Collections for those who donate by weekly envelopes.

For those who give to the Offertory Collection by Bank Standing Order, there are yellow Diocesan 2nd Collection envelopes with your number on to pick up.

If you need envelopes for Parish 2nd Collections/other donations, please use the white envelopes on the welcome table.

If you are unsure of your number, contact the parish office. Thank you very much.

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

THATCH ROOF FUND

Cash collections in March: £68.10

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. Acc: St. Francis 34363181 SC:60-06-33.

• On our parish 'Justgiving' page at www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley.

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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