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Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 19th April 2026

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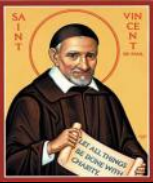
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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) Mass Book page 259

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	18th April		<b>Tuesday -Friday</b> 8:30am-3:00pm
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Int. People of the Parish	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	19th April		<b>Sunday</b> 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Marie Catherine Jarvis R.I.P.	
	10:15am	Int. Mr and Mrs McDonagh R.I.P.	
MON	20th April	NO MASS	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
TUES	21st April	St. Anslem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
	9:30am	Int. Bernadette Carly well-being	
WED	22nd April	Feria	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
	9:30am	Int. Frances Finnerty R.I.P.	<b>Tuesday - Friday</b>
THUR	23rd April	St. George, Martyr, Patron of England, Solemnity	<b>8:45am:</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	<b>9:30am:</b> Mass
	11:00am	Funeral Mass for Michael Brown	
FRI	24th April	Feria/ St. Adalbert/ St Fidelis/ Sts. Justus & Mellitus	<b>CONFESSION</b>
	9:30am	Int. Anthony Ford R.I.P.	<b>Tuesday-Friday</b> 8:50am-9:20am

#### REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS and BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS.

Please fill a Mass Intention envelope with your Intention/Blessing request and return it to Fr Clement or White Friars. An offering donation may be placed in the envelope, or on the Contactless machine or BACS to Nat West Bank, Acc: St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33, ref 'Mass Intention' (please also submit an Intention envelope with details) Please state if your intention is private and do please seek consent if submitting an Intention for any living person. Thank you.

**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)**

**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](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk)**

**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. 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 were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic, you are

welcome to join the RCIA program. Likewise, if you were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, or you have received the Sacraments but have been away from the Church for some time or there is something keeping you from receiving the Sacraments now, please speak to Fr Clement as soon as possible for guidance. Thank you

### **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.

### **AUGUSTINIANS MISSION APPEAL**

**Please welcome Fr Emmanuel Antony OSA to the parish this weekend 18/19th April.**

He will be making an appeal on behalf of the Order of St Augustine. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

### **RESQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Brown who died on 6th March 2026. Michael's funeral Mass will be on **Thursday 23rd April at 11:00am.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Felin Welch who died on 4th April 2026. Felin's funeral Mass will be on **Thursday 29th April at 10:30am.**

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

### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 25/26th APRIL.**

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. On Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, with our 2nd Collection. We currently have 9 Seminarians who need our support over their 6 years of training. Your generosity helps make their calling possible. Thank you in advance.

DATE		TIME
Sat/Sun 18/19th	Mission Appeal - The Augustinians	All Masses
Sat/Sun 25/26th	Good Shepherd Sunday – Prayer for Vocations	All Masses
Sun 3rd May	Safeguarding Sunday	All Masses
Mon 4th May	Altar Servers Rally at Aylesford Priory Sung Holy Mass	11:30am
Wed 6th May	RESCHEDULED DATE for Coffee and Cake morning	10:00am
Thurs 14th May	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity. A Holy day of Obligation	9:30am 7:30pm
Sun 7th June	First Holy Communion Mass	1:00pm
Sat 13th June	Parish Fete	12-4pm

### **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 from the Welcome Table in the porch and speak to Fr Clement, 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 from the welcome table in the church or the website.

Our aim is to create a place where children can 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 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 gathering to be confirmed.*

### **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. Date for next gathering to be confirmed.*

### **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 12th April

Envelopes: £48.00 Loose cash: £62.65

Contactless: £173.00

Second Collection: £104.50

*Thank you for your support.*

**This week's 2nd Collection 18/19th April will be the Augustinians' Mission Appeal Please see inside the newsletter for more**

*Note: Diocesan Collection for the upkeep of St. George Cathedral will be 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 Jane at the parish office for any assistance.

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](http://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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