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Roman Catholic Parish  
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 26th April 2026

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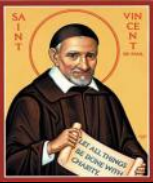
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY YEAR A Mass Book page 262**

		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	25th April	<i>Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious Life</i>	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Int. Tom Maltby -Grandson of Nanny Amelia Leary - that he may make a full recovery.	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	26th April	<i>Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious Life</i>	Sunday 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Rianna Kaur Deol R.I.P. Anniversary	<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>
	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
MON	27th April	NO MASS	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
TUES	28th April	St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr/ St Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest.	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
	9:30am	Int. Felin Welch R.I.P.	Tuesday - Friday
WED	29th April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	<b>8:45am:</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
	<b>No 9:30am Mass</b>	Funeral Mass for Felin Welch	<b>9:30am:</b> Mass
	10:30am		<b>Rosary For Life</b>
THUR	30th April	Feria OR St Pius V, Pope	From 1st-31st May, prayed after weekday morning Masses and privately.
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound	
FRI	1st May	Feria OR St Joseph the Worker	
	9:30am	Int. The Sanctification of Human Labour Praying the Rosary For Life begins today	

**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.

**CONFESSION**  
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*)

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.

### **RESQUIESCAT IN PACE**

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

### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**Today is Good Shepherd Sunday** when we pray for vocations and **support the Priest Training Fund with our Second Collection.**

In our Archdiocese, we currently have 9 men in formation for the priesthood and we anticipate two new men will begin their formation this autumn with a propaedeutic year at the English College in Valladolid, Spain. It costs around £30,000 a year to train each seminarian, over six years.

Our future priests will go on to serve in our parishes, schools, hospitals and among those most in need across our communities.

We rely on your prayers and generosity to make this possible.

**To support the Priest Training Fund today,** please use the envelopes, the machine, or the link [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)

Thank you for your support and prayers.

### **ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB**

**The Draw for April will take place this weekend after 8:30am Mass on Sunday.**

Membership is open to anyone over 16 years old. Information and Forms are available in the church porch or can be downloaded on the parish website. For more, email Tina or Kate at [stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com)

DATE		TIME
Sat/Sun 25/26th	Good Shepherd Sunday – Prayer for Vocations	All Masses
Month of May	Pray the Rosary For Life	
Sun 3rd May	Safeguarding Sunday	All Masses
Mon 4th May	Altar Servers Rally at Aylesford Priory. Registration at	10:15am
Wed 6th May	RESCHEDULED DATE for Coffee and Cake morning	10:00am
Sat 9th May	Ecumenical Prayer Service	9:00am
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	12:30pm
Sat 13th June	Parish Fete	12-4pm

### PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR LIFE IN MAY.

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). **Please join us in person or through the livestream after our weekday Morning Mass**, to pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife). **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

### 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. Mass at 11:30am celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks, picnic lunch at 1pm. **If your child is interested in becoming an Altar Server**, please pick up a recruitment form on the Welcome table in the porch and please speak to Fr Clement.

### PARISH YOUTH GROUP School Years 4-6

*Date for our next gathering to be confirmed.*

### VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

### For teenagers in School Year 7 - Year 13

*Date for our next gathering to be confirmed.*

**Registration forms for both groups are available on the Welcome table in church.**

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for ages 18-30 years

*Date for our next meeting to be confirmed.  
Please speak to Chi or Nikki for more details.*

### PARISH FETE 13th JUNE 2026 12-4pm

Our Annual Fete is a very important social and fundraising event for the parish. It is a great day, with lots of fun stalls and events to suit all ages, and delicious food and refreshments.

The Fete Committee have been working very hard behind the scenes to make this a success but we need your help. There are various ways:

- Take and Display a Poster
- Agree to have an Advertising Board displayed in your front garden
- Inform your family and friends about the day
- Volunteer to run a Stall. Help Set up/Tidy up
- Donate money for things we need on the day.
- Donate items for the various Stalls – Books, Bottles, Jewellery, Plants, Toiletries, Toys and White Elephant Stall (Non-Electrical Items)
- Make cakes and grow plants for the day.
- Advertise in the Fete Programme, sponsor a Stall or donate a Prize for the Grand Draw.
- Deliver Programmes to the local roads.
- Buy Grand Draw Tickets

**The Fete Committee will be in the porch after each Mass this weekend to take down your details. Please assist in any way you can.**

Should you have any Questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at [sfdsfete@oulook.com](mailto:sfdsfete@oulook.com) Thank you all in advance for your Support and Assistance.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 19th April

Envelopes: £44.50 Loose cash: £53.63

Contactless: £106.00

Augustinians' Mission Appeal: £459.90

*Thank you for your support.*

**This week's 2nd Collection 25/26th April:**

**Priests' Training Fund Diocesan Collection**

*Please see the notice in the newsletter.*

**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: £74.58**

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 made payable to 'St Francis de Sales' reference Thatch Fund.

• Using white envelopes, available in church— please fill in the relevant details

• 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.**

### **DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?**

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