



Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 5th April 2026

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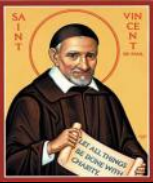
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (YEAR A) Mass Book pg 251

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
HOLY SATURDAY 4th April	Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 Private Prayer PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS NO 5:30PM MASS TODAY	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
THE EASTER VIGIL 8:00pm	Int. Those newly received into the Catholic Church	WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10.15am
SUN 5th April 8:30am	Divine Mercy Novena Day 3 Private Prayer Int. People of the Parish & those travelling over Easter	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass Please read the Mass calendar for changes to Masses this week.
SUN 5th April 10:15am	Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners Int. Holy Souls	
MON 6th April	Divine Mercy Novena Day 4 Private Prayer NO MASS Monday of Holy Week	
TUES 7th April	Divine Mercy Novena Day 5 Private Prayer NO MASS	
WED 8th April	Divine Mercy Novena Day 6 Private Prayer NO MASS	
THUR 9th April	Divine Mercy Novena Day 7 Private Prayer NO MASS	
FRI 10th April	Divine Mercy Novena Day 8 Private Prayer NO MASS	
SAT 11th April 3:00pm	Divine Mercy Novena Day 9 Prayer in the church	CONFESSION Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on Holy Saturday. The next date for Confessions will be Saturday 11th April 4:30pm-5:15pm

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.

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
Tel: 07872572994

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton
Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

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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 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.

EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

The Easter Collection on 4th/5th April 2026 will be our personal Easter Gift to Fr Clement. Please use the Easter Offering envelopes that are on the table in the porch, or use one of the Contactless machines.

If you are a UK tax payer, please use a white envelopes and fill in the relevant details to Gift Aid your giving. If you are registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme by using parish weekly envelopes, there is an envelope in your box for Easter Offering 5th April. 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 add your Gift Aid details if applicable. Thank you

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Please note that the parish office will be closed for Easter Break from Monday 6th April to Friday 10th April. Thank you.

Fr Clement will be having a break next week. Please let us keep him in our prayers. There will not be any weekday morning Mass next week but we will continue to pray our Divine Mercy Novena privately until we gather in the church for Day 9 on Saturday 11th April at 3:00pm.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

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

DATE	CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR EASTER 2026	TIME
Sat 4th April	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Practice for all ministering in the Easter Vigil Liturgy	10:00am To follow
	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	8:00pm
Sun 5 th April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8:30am 10:15am
Mon 6th April	Mon 6th - Fri 10th April Divine Mercy Novena Day 4-8	private prayer
Tue 7th-Fri 10th	No Morning Prayer or Morning Mass on these days	
Wed 8th April	Catholic Welcome Circle (CWC) Social Meeting	2-4pm
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	Weekly Coffee and Cake Morning resumes	10:00am
Mon 4th May	Altar Servers Rally at Aylesford Priory	
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

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, and 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

Simple acts of service and kindness

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 meeting to be confirmed soon. 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
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.

Next meeting date to be confirmed soon

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 29th March

Envelopes: £38.00 Loose cash: £68.36

Contactless: £113.50

2nd Collection Parish Needs: £89.00

Thank you for your support.

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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 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.** St Francis. **Account:**34363181 **SCode**60-06-33.
- **Justgiving page at www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley.**

GIFT AID ENVELOPES TAX YEAR 2026-2027

BOXES BEGINNING 12th APRIL 2026 WILL ARE READY FOR COLLECTION ON SUNDAY. 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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