



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

Parish Newsletter 10th May 2026

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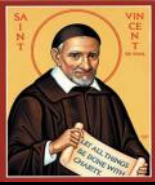
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 9th May 11:30am Vigil Mass 5:30pm	Parish Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Hartley Praying the Rosary, Talk with Reflection, Marian Hymns Int. Steven, for help and guidance	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon
SUN 10th May 8:30am 10:15am	Private prayer The Rosary For Life - Sorrowful Mysteries Int. Michael Desmond Sexton Int. People of the Parish	PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY ON SAT 9th MAY AT 11:30am.
MON 11th May	NO MASS	WEEKEND MASSES
TUES 12th May 9:30am Following after Mass	Feria/ Sts Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs/St. Pancreas Int. Praying the Rosary For Life - Sorrowful Mysteries	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
WED 13th May 9:30am Following after Mass	Feria OR Our Lady of Fatima Int. Holy Souls Praying the Rosary For Life - Sorrowful Mysteries	WEEKDAY MASSES
THUR 14th May 9:30am 7:30pm Following after Mass	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY Whole School attending. Int. Int. Praying the Rosary For Life - Sorrowful Mysteries	Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass and Rosary For Life
FRI 15th May 9:30am Following after Mass	St. John Stone, Priest and Martyr, Memorial. Int. Sick and Housebound Praying the Rosary For Life - Sorrowful Mysteries	From 1st-31st May, prayed after weekday morning Masses and privately on Sat-Mon.
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 seek consent if submitting an Intention for any living person. Thank you.		CONFESSION Tuesday-Friday 8:50am-9:20am Sat 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 (*Day off: Mon*)

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
Tel: 07872572994

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton
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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 Sunday 3rd May, 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY– 9th MAY 2026

Beginning at 11:30am, we will gather to spend some time in prayer, talk and personal reflection, with Marian hymns.

We will continue Praying The Rosary For Life In May with the Joyful Mysteries and then pray the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Please bring your prayer petitions and we will offer them to Our Lady's Intercession.

Please join us in person or on livestream.

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 together through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. **Pray the Rosary Encounter Christ Defend life**

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026 3pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Couples celebrating any special wedding anniversaries can apply for an invite to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson. Contact MFL coordinator, Carole Batty by mid-May at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to register.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP School Years 4-6

Date for our next gathering to be confirmed.

DATE		TIME
Month of May	Pray the Rosary For Life (privately Sat-Mon) Tues-Fri	After 9:30 Mass
Sat 9th May	PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY-Prayer, Talk, Reflection, Hymns	11:30am
Wed 13th May	Coffee and Cake morning	10:00am
Wed 13th May	CWC Catholic Welcome Circle	1:45pm-4pm
Thurs 14th May	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity. School attending A Holy Day of Obligation	9:30am 7:30pm
Sat 16th May	Baptism	1:00pm
Sun 17th May	Baptism	12:30pm
Sun 17th May	Vincentian Marian Youth Group Meeting	1-2:30pm
Sun 17th May	Young Adult Group "Gather Grill and Grow (in Faith)"	12noon
Sun 7th June	First Holy Communion Mass	12:30pm
Sat 13th June	Parish Fete	12-4pm

VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH GROUP

For teenagers in School Year 7 - Year 13

Faith • Friendship • Service

Please join us next Sunday 17th May from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the Meeting Room.

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!

Parents, please fill out a consent form for your teen or speak to Lucila Davis for more.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for ages 18-30 years

"Gather Grill & Grow (in Faith)" session on Sunday 17th May, 12pm at the Presbytery – White Friars DA38DW. We will have an intro session on the YOUCAT by Fr Clement over a BBQ lunch. All are welcome Any questions to reach out to Nikki, myself or Fr. Clement.

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, faith discussions, prayer, worship, community service and social gatherings.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ANNUAL PARISH FETE

5 Weeks to go until the Big Day. Preparations are going well but there is still a lot you can do to help. **You can:** Pray for **Good Weather** on the Day. Lend any **Gazebo's**.

Tell everyone about the Fete which is a very important event for the Parish, a fun day suitable for all ages, with great Stalls, Events, Demonstrations, delicious Food and Drink.

Pick up an amended **Poster** from the Porch.

If you know of any Company who would like to **Advertise in the Fete Programme**, please encourage them to do so, we need details asap **Donate Items** for Stalls – **Books, Bottles, Toys, Jewellery, Toiletries, White Elephant and Grand Draw Prizes** - leave in the Meeting Room **Bake Cakes and Grow Plants** for the day.

If you wish to show off the Food, Drink, Crafts, Dress of a **Culture** on the day, do let us know. Volunteer to **Run a Stall** for the Day or even for a short time during the Day. There will be a **Stall Holders Meeting on Saturday 30th May**. We have located our **Stocks** and need to get them back to the parish, if you are available late Tuesday afternoon and strong enough to help, please let us know.

The Fete Committee will be around after each Mass to take down your details and if you have any suggestions or questions, please e-mail us on sfdsfete@outlook.com

Please assist in any way you can. Thank You.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 3rd May

GA Envelopes: £48.00 Loose cash: £77.64

Contactless: £137.00

2nd Collection: Maintenance of St.

George's Cathedral: £111.67

Thank you for your support.

Our 2nd Collection this week: Parish Needs

GIFT AID ENVELOPES TAX YEAR 2026-2027

New Gift Aid Envelopes 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 for any assistance.

THATCH ROOF FUND

Cash collections in April: £89.34

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.

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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