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Archdiocese of Southwark

Parish Newsletter 17th May 2026

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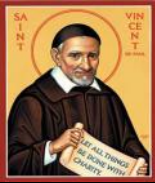
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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT 16th May Vigil Mass 5:30pm	Private prayer The Rosary For Life - Sorrowful Mysteries Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners	Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN 17th May 8:30am 10:15am	Private prayer The Rosary For Life - Week 3 - The Luminous Mysteries Int. Int. People of the Parish	Sunday 7:45am-12noon WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
MON 18th May	NO MASS	WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday
TUES 19th May 9:30am Following after Mass	Feria Int. Praying the Rosary For Life - Luminous Mysteries	8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass and Rosary For Life From 1st-31st May, prayed after weekday morning Masses and privately on Sat-Mon.
WED 20th May 9:30am Following after Mass	Feria Int. Holy Souls Praying the Rosary For Life - Luminous Mysteries	
THUR 21st May 9:30am Following after Mass	Int. Praying the Rosary For Life - Luminous Mysteries	
FRI 22nd May 9:30am Following after Mass	Int. Michele Petrucci R.I.P. Praying the Rosary For Life - Luminous Mysteries	

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
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 Sunday 17th 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.

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**

FR. CLEMENT CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION ON 14th AUGUST 2026

Fr Clement was Ordained on 12th August 2016. To mark the joyous occasion of his 10th Anniversary, our parish will be gathering for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 14th August 2026 at 7:30pm.

This will be followed by a social gathering. More details will follow soon – please note the date in your diary– FRIDAY 14th AUGUST

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Tickets are £30 pp. Pls call millie on 07957594646 for more information.

DATE		TIME
Month of May	Pray the Rosary For Life (privately Sat-Mon) Tues-Fri	After 9:30 Mass
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
Wed 20th May	Coffee and Cake morning	10:00am
Sun 7th June	First Holy Communion Mass	12:30pm
Sat 13th June	Parish Fete	12-4pm
Sun 21st June	Baptism	12:30pm
Fri 14th August	10th Anniversary of Fr Clement's Priestly Ordination	7:30pm

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

Faith • Friendship • Service

Please join us this weekend, Sunday 17th May, 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

There are just 4 Weeks to go until our Annual Parish Fete on Saturday 13th June 2026.

This is a very important event in our parish calendar, both financially and socially.

We hope you are all working out ways you can help and support at the Fete.

- Please inform anyone you know about the Fete. Everybody is welcome.
- You can **donate items** for the various Stalls – we still need Books, Bottles, Jewellery, Toiletries, Toys and items for the White Elephant Stall.
- You can **make Cakes and grow Plants** to sell on the day.
- You can **help Set Up** on the Friday evening and Saturday morning or **Tidy Away** after the event.
- You can **volunteer to run a Stall** for the whole event or for an hour or two.
- If you have a **Gazebo we could borrow** for the event, it will be really appreciated.
- If you haven't taken a Poster, please do so.
- Grand Draw Tickets will soon be available to buy.
- Fete Programmes will soon be available to distribute to the Local Community.
- Please continue to pray for good weather.

If you any questions or suggestions, please contact us by e-mail sdfsفته@outlook.com.

Please support and assist this event in any way you can. Thank You.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 10th May

GA Envelopes: £54.00 Loose cash: £75.35

Contactless: £186.00

2nd Collection: Parish Needs: £118.70

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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