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Roman Catholic Parish
Archdiocese of Southwark

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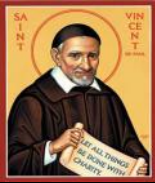
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		MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN
SAT	2nd May		Tuesday -Friday 8:30am-3:00pm
	Vigil Mass 5:30pm	Int. John Saunders R.I.P. 2nd Anniversary	Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm
SUN	3rd May		Sunday 7:45am-12noon
	8:30am	Int. Felin Welch R.I.P.	
	10:15am	Int. People of the Parish	
MON	4th May	NO MASS Altar Servers' Rally at Aylesford Priory	PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY ON SAT 9th MAY AT 11:30am.
TUES	5th May	Feria Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	WEEKEND MASSES
	9:30am	Int. Holy Souls	Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
	Following after Mass	Praying the Rosary For Life	Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am
WED	6th May	Feria OR St John Paine, Priest and Martyr	WEEKDAY MASSES
	9:30am	Int. Marie Dunne R.I.P. Anniversary	Tuesday - Friday
	Following after Mass	Praying the Rosary For Life	8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer.
THUR	7th May	Feria	9:30am: Mass and Rosary For Life
	9:30am	Int.	From 1st-31st May, prayed after weekday morning Masses and privately on Sat-Mon.
	Following after Mass	Praying the Rosary For Life	CONFESSION
FRI	8th May	Feria	Tuesday-Friday
	9:30am	Int. Sick and Housebound	8:50am-9:20am
	Following after Mass	Praying the Rosary For Life	Sat 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment

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.

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

Email: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

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 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.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Winners of April Draw: 1st Prize £60, no. 81 A. Inman, 2nd Prize £30 no. 159 K. Edmunds
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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY— 9th MAY 2026

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

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

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: 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. **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life**

DATE		TIME
Month of May	Pray the Rosary For Life (privately Sat-Mon) Tues-Fri	After 9:30 Mass
Sun 3rd May	Safeguarding Sunday	All Masses
Mon 4th May	Altar Servers Rally at Aylesford Priory. Registration at	10:15am
Wed 6th May	Coffee and Cake morning	10:00am
Sat 9th May	PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY-Prayer, Talk, Reflection, Hymns	11:30am
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
Sun 7th June	First Holy Communion Mass	12:30pm
Sat 13th June	Parish Fete	12-4pm
Sat 11th July	Mass to Celebrate Marriage St George's Cathedral	3pm

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST 9th MAY

In the Meeting Room of Saint Francis de Sales at 9:00am. Please contact Carol for further details carolwilton0@gmail.com

SOUTHWARK ALTAR SERVERS 4th MAY 2026

This special day for all our Altar Servers and their families will take place on Monday 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 and speak to Fr Clement.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026

3pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries are invited to apply for an invite to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson. Please contact MFL coordinator, Carole Batty, at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk by mid-May to register, giving your full names, parish, etc.

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.

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.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ANNUAL PARISH FETE

6 Weeks to go until our Annual Parish Fete on Saturday 13th June 2026 12 noon-4pm on the field of Our Lady of Hartley RC Primary School. We need your help and there are various ways you can assist:

- Display a Poster (Posters are in the Porch)
- Inform everyone about the Event.
- Volunteer to help Set Up/Tidy Away on the day
- Volunteer to run a Stall.
- Sort out and donate Items for the various Stalls: Toiletries, Bottles, Books, Jewellery, Toys, Plants, White Elephant (non-electrical items)
- Make Cakes and grow Plants for the day.
- Donate money for things we need for the Fete
- If you can, or you know of any company who is willing to advertise in the Fete Programme, sponsor a Stall or donate a Prize for the Grand Draw, please do so.
- Please pray for good weather.

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.

The Fete is a very important Social and Fundraising Event for the Church. It is a great Day, full of Fun, Stalls, Events, Delicious Food and Drink to suit all ages. The funds will go towards Parish Needs. Should you have any Questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at sfdsfete@oulook.com **Thank you all in advance for your Support and Assistance.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 26th April

GA Envelopes: £41.00 Loose cash: £48.20

Contactless: £165.00

2nd Coll. Priests' Training Fund: £246.20

Standing Orders April: £2,265.00

Thank you for your support.

This week's 2nd Collection 2nd/3rd May: Diocesan Collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral

The Cathedral is purely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners and visitors and to ensure the maintenance of such a beautiful and architecturally important building, continue the music tradition, support its youth and social outreach work, and remain open daily to all those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

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 March: £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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