

# The Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter



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**To make a Bank Donation: St. Francis de Sales Nat West: Acc: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33**

**Parish Facebook page:** [www.facebook.com/StFrancisDeSalesHartley](http://www.facebook.com/StFrancisDeSalesHartley)

**St. Francis de Sales' Mass Streaming Live at** [www.churchservices.tv/hartley](http://www.churchservices.tv/hartley)

**WELCOME:** Welcome to everyone who joins us today.

**We are open for public Mass and private prayer.**

**Livestreaming:** <https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley>

**For Daily and Sunday Mass Readings, Morning and Evening Prayer, visit** <https://www.universalis.com/>

**Our New Parish Website** will be up and running soon.

**Thankyou to Fr. Jean Pascal** who has been staying with us.

**Fr. Patrick** will return on 10th February and then self-isolate for several days. The weekday and weekend Masses will be covered in the meantime.

**Guidance on attending Mass:** Please read the information on the parish website regarding the opening of churches and up-to-date directions to follow if you choose to come to Mass.

**Extra health and Safety measures have been put in place:** 2 metres social distancing is in place throughout the church and doors and windows will be open to ensure the church is well ventilated so **dress warmly if you choose to come to Mass.**

**Booking for weekend Mass:** Places are very limited so you must book for weekend Masses via the website, or by calling the office. It is not necessary to book for weekday Mass.

**Thanking our Stewards:** Our public worship has been made possible only because of the sacrifice made by our stewards. over these many months. We are very grateful to them all.

**Reading at Mass and Stewarding:** Please contact the parish office if you are willing and able to add yourself to the list.

**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 17th February 2021 and Mass with Distribution of Ashes. Booking details will be in next week's newsletter. The Mass will be live-streamed.**

**Stations of the Cross,** led by parishioners and live-streamed, will take place **weekly during Lent at 7pm beginning Friday 19th February.** Volunteers who might be willing to help to lead the stations on one of the Fridays are asked to contact Phil Kerton for further details, on [cpkerton@yahoo.com](mailto:cpkerton@yahoo.com)

**Parish Lenten Talk:** On Tuesday 23rd February at 7 pm Dr. Gemma Simmonds, cj will be giving a talk on prayer via zoom. Please keep this date free for what promises to be an excellent talk and discussion, and the opportunity to meet up virtually with other parishioners.

**Community support:** Looking forward in faith and hope to the future, we are looking for parishioners who would be willing to help in setting up several social and support groups.

The hope is to reach out to all ages and stages of our congregation, from Mothers and Toddlers through to our Young People, and also the Isolated and Bereaved. Our Parish Meeting Room has been under used for some time, and is the ideal gathering place for such groups, which could meet at a time or day to suit the particular group. If you would be interested in helping to form any of these groups, we will be very pleased to hear from you. **Please contact** [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com) **to discuss these ideas further.**

**News from Our Lady of Hartley School:** During this time of partial school closure, we include the link for you to view our latest news on our school website Click <https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-/>

**Thank you for your support to the parish:** your ongoing financial support is vital to meet the running costs of the presbytery and the upkeep of the church building.

**Methods you can use to support the parish financially:**

**(i) Bank Standing Order** Download a Pledge Form from the website or pick one up at the church. Fill in the details and return the form to the parish office and to your bank

**(ii) Gift Aid Envelope** Download a Gift Aid Declaration form from the website or pick up a copy from the church, fill in your details and return it to the parish office. You will be assigned a box of envelopes for this taxyear.

**(iii) Online Bank Donations to the Parish Bank Account** Nat West Bank **Acc: St. Francis de Sales. Account no. 34143580 Sort Code: 60-06-33** Please note as *Offertory*.

**(iv) JustGiving** Click on the JustGiving link and follow the instructions to donate. Note your donation as *Offertory*. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stfrancisdesaleshartley>

**(v) Cash OR Cheque to St Francis de Sales. Thankyou. Try 'easyfundraising':** Just start your online shopping first at **easyfundraising**, nominate The Oratory of St Francis de Sales Hartley as your charity then shop as normal.

The government have launched the "Ask for ANI" code word scheme in partnership with Boots and independent pharmacies across the country. Those who are victim to or at risk of domestic abuse can ask for ANI and a safe space will be provided, by a trained pharmacist, to allow the individual to access support services and helplines. Where the victim is at risk of harm, the police and other relevant authorities may be contacted. This scheme is especially useful in helping those who are isolated at home with their abuser and unable to access help. Please click here for more information on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pharmacies-launch-codeword-scheme-to-offer-lifeline-to-domestic-abuse-victims>

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like someone to be prayed for please write the details on a Mass Intentions envelope. This should include the name of the person, the intention, and if possible, the day and Mass time preferred. Please post your intention at White Friars or drop it in the Collection basket when you come to the church. All Mass intentions would be published in the Parish Newsletter.

**For your Special Occasion, Birthday, Anniversary please** let Fr Patrick know so we can pray for you as a community

**Thursday 11th February** we remember Our Lady's apparition to St. Bernadette. To watch 'The Song of Bernadette' click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLKFAKifn-w>

**Intention Prayers:** Every week, the name of the person/s in each Mass Intention will be placed in the special frame on the stand over by Our Lady of Hartley Shrine.

**Baptism for babies and infants:** Contact Fr. Patrick for advice and guidance on how to proceed.

**Parish Database:** We are updating the database for our Records. Please pick up a form from the church or download from the website and return it to the parish office.

**Emailing Newsletter to Parishioners:** If you wish to receive the Newsletter in this format, please contact the office.

**Parish Newsletter:** to suggest articles/additions or notices contact the parish secretary Jane: [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Facebook:** The Newsletter is posted weekly along with relevant information, daily devotionals & children's resources: [www.facebook.com/StFrancisDeSalesHartley](http://www.facebook.com/StFrancisDeSalesHartley)

If you haven't done so already, make sure you visit the [God Who Speaks website](#) which is a wonderful repository for all kinds of resources to help you explore the Bible.

**Prayer Resources:** <https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php>  
<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/> <http://www.wednesdayword.org/schoolindex.htm>

**Serving the spiritual and mental health needs of children and young people in a time of pandemic.** An easy to follow guide had been produced by the Education Commission and the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis in the Archdiocese of Southwark, on serving the needs of our children in these times of lockdown and pandemic. Please take some time to visit their website for the resources on meditation, well-being and contemplation. <http://www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/>

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for February:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. **Prayer for the Nation: We are encouraged as a nation to make time for daily prayer at 6pm and especially during this pandemic, we pray for all those who have died.**

**Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being there already and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**The church will be open for the following services only, until further notice.**  
**ALL SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED** <https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley>

**Saturday 6th February**

*Feria OR The Blessed Virgin Mary*

<b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</b>	5.00-5.30pm 5.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass In Thanksgiving (Sue)
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<b>Sunday 7th February</b>	08.00-8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass For an end to the pandemic. (Kate)
<b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</b>	08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish

**Monday 8th February** No Mass

<b>Tuesday 9th February</b> <i>Feria</i>	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Int. Fr. Patrick's safe return
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<b>Wednesday 10th February</b> <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial</i>	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Priest's Intention
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<b>Thursday 11th February</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day for the Sick</i>	8.45 am-09.30 am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass For all those who are afflicted by illness of any kind
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<b>Friday 12th February</b> <i>Feria</i>	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
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**Saturday 13th February**  
*Feria OR The Blessed Virgin Mary*

<b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</b>	5.00-5.30pm 5.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
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<b>Sunday 14th February</b>	08.00-08.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</b> <b>Day of Prayer for the Unemployed</b>	08.30 am 09.45-10.15am 10.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk)  
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