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

St. Francis de Sales' Mass Streaming Live at www.churchservices.tv/hartley

21st March 2021

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/

Confessions on Saturdays 4.50-5.20pm and on weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8.50-9.20am

Reflections: Fr. Patrick's Reflections will be posted on the parish Facebook and website on weekdays after the morning Mass and on weekends after the 10.15 am Mass on Sundays.

Fr. Patrick's Lenten talk: Lessons from the life of St. Joseph. To view the Lenten Talk on our Parish youtube site, click on the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQjguGbFxzs

Congratulations to Amelia and Sophia Tremarco who were Baptised last Sunday. Let us pray for them and their family.

Please pray for Colin Toulson, deceased, on the 1st Anniversary of his death and for Karen and their family.

First Holy Communion 2021 Group: Parents who would like their child to commence their First Holy Communion 2021 preparation should download the FHC Application Form from the parish website or pick up a copy from the church. Please Email the completed form to the parish secretary at hartley@rcaos.org. uk or post it through the door at White Friars by Wednesday 31st March 2021 at the latest. Thankyou Stations of the Cross, live-streamed: Friday 26th March 7pm: Walking the Way of the Cross with Jesus, led by Carol.

Guidance on attending Mass: Please read the information on the parish website and please dress warmly if you choose to come Mass as the doors will be opened for ventilation Booking for weekend Mass: You can book using the parish website, or fill a Booking slip at church or by calling the office. Palm Sunday Mass: Guidance from the Bishops' Conference The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem will be celebrated within the church building, the Procession will not take place and the Second Form: The Solemn Entrance will be used. The shorter form of the Passion from

the Gospel of St Mark will be read. The *turba* (crowd) parts will not be exclaimed by the congregation. The palm branches will be blessed during the Mass and will be distributed as you

leave the church after Mass.

News from Our Lady of Hartley School: The past two weeks have flown by and the children are once again enjoying all of those shared activities that make Our Lady of Hartley such a wonderful place to learn. It was so nice to see the children arriving this morning, dressed in something red, to celebrate Red Nose Day. Also today, Year 4 celebrated their Roman Day - their costumes are amazing!To view our latest newsletter click the link below: https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/stream/newsletters/

https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//

Tuesday 23rd March: A National Day of Reflection and Day of Prayer for Covid 19. Please read the attachment to the Newsletter from the Bishops' Conference.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO MEET LIVESTREAM COSTS 2021. Thank you for all donations received so far. As we have seen, our livestreaming has become an important tool in evangelisation and indeed a vital outreach for so many in these times, those in our own parish who cannot attend Mass, and for many people in places beyond even this country. Our running costs payable to Churchservicestv for this year will be £1,328.40. Costs to the service provider Plusnet will be around £30 per month. If you can support the parish with these costs, please mark your donation 'Livestream 2021'. If you donate to the parish using Gift Aid, please add your GA number along with your donation. Similarly, if you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation as we can claim a further 25%. Gift Aid declaration forms are on the table in the porch Thank you all for your generosity.

On average, our monthly Expenditure is £3,200.00, this includes building Insurance, council tax, utilities to both the church and presbytery, food and household, Diocesan Assessments, salary, cleaning products, etc.

In the year since the first closing of our church doors due to the pandemic, our average monthly income has been reduced by half. We are very grateful to all of you who are able to keep up your financial support to the parish during these difficult times. Your support is vital and if you are not yet able to return to Mass but would still like to keep up your weekly or monthly contribution, please consider:

- (i) **Bank Standing Order** Please download a Pledge Form from the website or pick one up at the church. Fill in the form and return to White Friars. Standing Order is not a binding contract and you may cancel at any time. You can increase or decrease your monthly contributions at any time to suit your circumstances.
- (ii) Gift Aid Envelope Download a Gift Aid Declaration form from the website or pick up a copy from the church
- (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 for instructions www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stfrancisdesaleshartley
- (v) Cash OR Cheque to St Francis de Sales. *Thankyou*.

 Do you shop Online? Try 'easyfundraising': Simply start at www.easyfundraising.org.uk nominate The Oratory of St Francis de Sales Hartley, and we will receive a donation!

 Mass Intentions: If you would like someone to be prayed for please write the details on a Mass Intentions envelope.

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. 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 the necessary 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 down load from the website and return it to the parish office. Parish Facebook: The Newsletter is posted weekly along with relevant information, daily devotionals & children's resources: www.facebook.com/StFrancisDeSalesHartley Prayer Resources: http://www.wednesdayword.org/schoolindex.php

https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/
Would you like to Celebrate, Live and Share the Bible?
#Visit www.godwhospeaks.uk website, a wonderful repository for all kinds of resources to help you explore the Bible.

Mass of St. Oscar Romero and installation of the Guardians of the Diocesan Shrine of St. Oscar Romero. Saturday, 27 March 2021– 12.30pm St. George's Cathedral. The Service will be livestreamed at romerotrust.org.uk and on youtube.com search: RC Southwark

The Faith Companion - A Catholic magazine for parishioners <u>www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk</u>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation. 'Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God'.

Prayer before Mass O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; purify the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily praise your Holy name.

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 20th March Morning: Feria	4.50pm - 5.20pm	Confessions
Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)	5.00 - 5.30pm 5.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Colin Toulson, Deceased, 1st Anniversary. (Karen)
Sunday 21st March Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)	08.00 - 8.30am 08.30am 09.45am - 0.15am 10.15am Mass	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Amelia and Sophia Tremarco
Monday 22nd March	No Mass	
Tuesday 23rd March Feria	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Wednesday 24th March	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Marion Kneller, Deceased (Tony and Valerie)
Thursday 25th March Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity	8.45 am - 09.30 am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Friday 26th March	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am 7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Stations of the Cross (Closed to the public) Livestreamed
Saturday 27th March Morning: Feria	4.50pm - 5.20pm	Confessions
HOLY WEEK Palm Sunday	5.00 - 5.30pm 5.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Maura Wojdyla, for continuous wellbeing (Claire)
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B) (NO PROCESSION)	08.00 - 08.30 am 08.30 am 09.45 - 10.15am 10.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass John and Doreen Horwood, Thanksgiving for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. 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
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