

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

7th 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/>

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.

Congratulations to Fr. Patrick On Tuesday afternoon, Fr. Patrick made the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity as the Parochial Administrator of our Parish. The ceremony was in private due to Covid-19 and it was performed by the Dean.

Pope Francis declared this as a 'Year of St. Joseph.' Fr. Patrick will give a Lenten talk through the livestream on **Friday 19th March.** Theme: LENTEN LESSON FOR CHRISTIANS FROM THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH.

Congratulations to Tatyana, Isaiah and Natalya Assam, and Kwesi Jeffrey, who were Baptised this weekend. Let us pray for them and their families

Congratulations to Mary Naguib who celebrated her 73rd birthday on Friday.

Please pray for Doreen McClelland who is recovering after catching Covid-19 several weeks ago.

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, led by parishioners and live-streamed, will take place weekly during Lent on Fridays at 7 pm. Thanks to Anne and Tony for leading the Stations on week 3.

Friday 12th March: Week 4 Kate and Jennifer 'Families on the Way of the Cross.'

Guidance on attending Mass: Please read the information on the parish website and please note that as the doors must be kept open for proper ventilation during this time, please **remember to dress warmly if you choose to come to Mass.**

Booking for weekend Mass: You can book using the parish website, or fill a Booking slip at church or by calling the office.

News from Our Lady of Hartley School: During this time of partial school closure, we include the link to view our latest news. <https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/stream/>

Catholic Voices Pandemic are relaunching their Survey to hear again from people about their current experiences. Click here <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>.

Parish Council News: please see the attachment to the newsletter for a summary on the February 18th meeting.

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, our own parishioners and beyond, in these times. Our running costs payable to Churchservices.tv for this year will be £1,328.40. Costs to the service provider Plusnet will be around £30 per month. At present we are determining the best way forward to resolve some issues regarding the quality of the livestream and this may involve extra expense. If you can support the parish with these costs, please mark your donation 'Livestream 2021'.

Our income for February 2021 was £1,596.93 as follows:

Offertory Collections Cash/Cheques: £534.00

Bank Standing Order: £1,029.00 Justgiving: £33.93

Total: £1,596.93.

On average, our monthly Expenditure is £3,200.00 to include building Insurance, Diocesan Assessments, utilities, household, salary etc.

Supporting the parish We are very grateful to all of you who are able to continue supporting the parish financially during these difficult times. If you are not able to attend Mass and would like to make your donation, please use:
(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.** Try 'easyfundraising': Just start your online shopping first at **easyfundraising**, nominate The Oratory of St Francis de Sales Hartley. We will receive a small donation each time.

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 download 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: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php>
<http://www.wednesdayword.org/schoolindex.htm>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/>
The Faith Companion - A Catholic magazine for parishioners
www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk

Visit the [God Who Speaks](http://www.godwhospeaks.com) website a wonderful repository for all kinds of resources to help you explore the Bible.

Prayer for the Nation: We are encouraged to make time for daily prayer at 6pm, at this time we remember especially for health workers and carers for all who are sick, for all those who have died recently and all the faithful departed.

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

Act of Thanksgiving My good Jesus, I thank you with all my heart. How good, how kind you are to me. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

For Perseverance Jesus, I am going away for a time, but, I trust, not without you. You are with me by your grace. I resolve never to leave you by mortal sin. Although I am so weak, I have such hope in you. Give me grace to persevere.

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 March
Morning: Feria

Third Sunday of Lent (B)	5.00-5.30pm 5.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish
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Sunday 7th March	08.00-8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Third Sunday of Lent (B)	08.30am	Mass Doreen McClelland wellbeing
	09.45am-10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
	10.15am	Mass Tatyana, Isaiah and Natalya Assam. Kwesi Jeffrey

Monday 8th March No Mass

Tuesday 9th March	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
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Wednesday 10th March	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Mary Naguib 73rd Birthday
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Thursday 11th March	8.45 am-09.30 am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
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Friday 12th 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
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Saturday 13th March
Morning: Feria

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)	5.00-5.30pm 5.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
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Sunday 14th March	08.00-08.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)	08.30 am	Mass People of the Parish
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For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: hartley@rcaos.org.uk
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