

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish newsletter



**Address:** 'White Friars', Church Road, Hartley, Kent DA3 8DW

**Parish Priest:** Fr Patrick Adusei Poku 07766 254987 [patrickaduseipoku@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:patrickaduseipoku@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Secretary:** 01474 705361, [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish website:** <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

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

**To donate directly to the Thatch Fund: Nat West Acc: 34363181 sort code: 60-06-33**

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

**Join us on** <https://twitter.com/sfdhartley> and <https://www.instagram.com/sfdhartley/>

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

**Parish Council:** [hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk)

27th June 2021

**WELCOME:** Welcome to everyone who joins us today. If you are attending Mass, or visiting for Private Prayer please continue to observe the safety guidelines still in place. **The Church is Open:** Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 08.45am-4.00pm and on Saturdays 10.00am-6.30pm.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 4.50 -5.20pm; Tues - Fri 8.50-9.20am

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

**The Hart Magazine:** Fr. Patrick has written his second article for the Hart magazine which will appear in the July edition.

**Please pray** for the wellbeing of Bernadette Gray

**Thank you** to our young parishioner Charlie Collison who read at Mass for the first time last week.

**10.15am Mass on Sunday 11th July:** We will say farewell to Frank and Caroline Stanley and thank them for their many years of service to the parish. The Episcopal Vicar for Kent, Msgr Canon John O'Toole will preside over the Mass where we will also recognise the generous service of parishioners during more than a year of lockdown and covid restrictions.

**£1 Weekly Donation to the Thatch Fund:** Last week we began our '£1 a week' incentive to help reach our total target of \$45,000.00 for the necessary rethatching of the church roof. We hope that in suggesting this manageable amount each week, it will help raise the amount in a true community spirit and without placing too much burden on any family. **You can deposit your £1 in the Thatch Fund Boxes placed at the back of the church OR you can set up a monthly £4 bank standing order to the Thatch Fund Account Nat West. St. Francis de Sales Acc. 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.** Thankyou to everyone for your generous support.

**Church surroundings and carpark:** If you can spare some time to help keep the car park and church surroundings clean and tidy, please contact the parish office. Thank you

**Confirmation Preparation:** Any young person who will reach school year 8 or above in September 2021 and would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please download an Application form from the parish website or pick one up in the church and return it to the parish office. Closing date for applications is 31st July 2021. Thankyou.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)/Journey in Faith:** Are You Interested in Becoming A Catholic?

If you have never been baptized, if you were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, you are welcome to join the RCIA programme, the process by which adults become Catholic. Likewise, if you are Catholic and interested in learning more about the Faith. Download the application form from the parish website or pick one up in

the church and return it to the parish office. **Anne Inman will be leading the RCIA programme** and will need more volunteers to help accompany people in their faith journey. Please email Fr. Patrick if you are interested.

**Marriage Support Group:** Jennifer Gillespie will be leading our parish Marriage Support Group. We are looking for two married couples- one couple who has been married for 10 years or less, the other couple, married for more than 40 years- who can help offer support to those in marriage preparation and to those already married. Please contact the parish office if you are interested to offer your support.

**Children's Liturgy:** If you would like to volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy, please email Fr. Patrick. Thankyou

**News from Our Lady of Hartley School:** It's been an exciting week of school trips and visits – Year 5 led the way with a day on the lakes at Danson Park. Then came visits to Leeds and Hever Castles, Shorne Country Park and some adventurous days at Go Ape and Kingswood for Year 6. During that short time we seem to have experienced all four seasons. Despite the challenges, a good time was had by all. Well done to the children for their conduct and for representing our school so well and to the staff for their hard work and, in the case of Year 6, endurance. To learn more visit our website <https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/>

**St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)** We are a small group of people who are here to help anyone in need in a variety of ways. We offer support through phone calls & house visits and bring them Communion. We accompany people to medical /dental appointments. We also offer financial support to struggling families. Please contact us through the parish office 01474705361

**'Paying it Forward'** My sincere gratitude for your ongoing financial contributions and support to the parish. Your commitment and generous giving of your time, talents and resources is vital to help keep the parish running, and helps pave the way to make the work and mission of our parish possible to be realised tomorrow.

**Please consider setting up a Bank Standing Order** Simply download a Pledge Form from the website or pick one up at the church. Fill in the form and return to White Friars. NB If you have changed from GA Envelope to Bank Standing Order, you can continue to use your envelope number for 2nd/ Special Collections. If you have forgotten your number, please contact the office.

**Parish Gift Aid Scheme 2021-22 Weekly Envelopes:** Current users can take a box from the meeting room, note your number & 1st or 2nd Collection on the envelope.

**To join the Gift Aid Scheme** download a G.A. Declaration form from the website or pick up a copy from the church.

We will process the form and allocate a number to you.

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

**To donate to the Thatch Fund:** *Nat West Bank: St. Francis de Sales: Account no. 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33*

**(iv) JustGiving (for fundraising and one-off donations)**

Click on the link and follow the simple instructions  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stfrancisdesaleshartley](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stfrancisdesaleshartley)

**(v) Cash OR Cheque payable to St Francis de Sales.**

**Do you shop Online? Try 'easyfundraising':** Simply start at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

**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:** The name of the person/s in each Mass Intention will be placed in the frame by Our Lady's Shrine

**Baptism for babies and infants:** Contact Fr. Patrick for the

necessary advice and guidance on how to proceed.

**Parish Database 2020/21:** It is important that we update the database for our Records. Please get a form in the church or download a copy from the website, and fill in your details.

**Gravesend Deanery 'Consecration to St Joseph' Wednesday 7th July in St. John's Gravesend 12.00pm– 1.00pm.** Please see the noticeboard for all the details.

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

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of June: *The Beauty of Marriage*:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, patience and faithfulness.

**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 if you were there already and I 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>  
**Fr. Patrick will be available for Confessions during weekday morning Exposition .**

**Saturday 26th June**

*Morning: Feria OR The Blessed Virgin Mary*  
4.50pm-5.20pm Confessions

**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

5.00pm-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
5.30pm Mass

**Sunday 27th June**

**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

08.00 - 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
08.30am Mass Bernadette Gray, wellbeing (Ann)  
09.45am - 10.15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
10.15am Mass People of the Parish

**Monday 28th June**

*St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr*

No Mass

**Tuesday 29th June**

**Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles, Martyrs**  
**A Holy day of Obligation**

08.45 - 09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
09.30 am Mass

**Wednesday 30th June**

*Feria*

08.45 - 09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
09.30 am Mass

**Thursday 1st July**

*Feria*

08.45am-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
09.30am Mass

**Friday 2nd July**

*Feria*

08.45 - 09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
09.30 am Mass Fr. Louis Mendy, C.S.Sp, recently deceased.

**Saturday 3rd July**

*Morning: St. Thomas, apostle, Martyr, Feast*  
4.50pm-5.20pm Confessions

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

5.00pm-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
5.30pm Mass

**Sunday 4th July**

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

**2nd Collection: Towards essential**

**Electrical Repairs at White Friars**

08.00 - 08.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
08.30 am Mass People of the Parish  
09.45 - 10.15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer  
10.15 am Mass

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk)  
Newsletter items received after 11 am Friday may not be included that week. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles. A parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050