Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter

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WELCOME: Welcome to everyone who joins us today. If you are attending Mass or visiting the church, we are continuing to observe our safety guidelines: Book for Mass, Wear a face mask, Keep 1m Social Distance and Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church. Thankyou 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 <u>https://www.universalis.com/</u>

**Congratulations** to Arabella Debi Udrea who was Baptised on Saturday May God continue to bless Arabella and her parents **Congratulations** to Bernie and Jim Harbinson who celebrate their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on 15th August.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Yvette Coutts. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th August 2021 at 11.00am. Please contact the parish office to book a place.

**Please pray** for the repose of the souls of Margaret Galea and Peter Pieroni, who died recently.

The Requiem Mass for Chris Pieroni's father Peter will take place at The Sacred Heart Church in Wimbledon on Monday 23rd August at 12:15. If you would like to join the Mass via livestream the link is **www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul Colin Toulson.

**Thankyou** to our young parishioner Brooke who read for the first time at Mass last Sunday.

A date to put in your diary: Sunday 19th September 2021.

The new "Friends of St Francis" group are organising an Open Air Mass on the school playground at 10.30am Sunday 19th September, to be followed by a BBQ on the school field at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. More details will appear in early September.

**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 extended to August 29th.* 

## 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. **Marriage Preparation Group and Marriage Support:** Any couple preparing for marriage, or any married couple who would like support, please speak to Fr. Patrick directly.

**St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)** We are a small group of people who are here to help anyone in need of support. Please contact us through the parish office 01474705361

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Miss Holycheek, the Catholic Sunday school teacher, had just finished explaining the feast of the Assumption to her class. "Now," she said, "let all those children who want to go to Heaven to see their Heavenly Mother raise their hands." All the children raised their hands except little Marie in the front row. "Don't you want to go to Heaven, Marie?" asked Miss Holycheek. "I can't," said Marie tearfully. "My mother told me to come straight home after Sunday school".

**St Francis de Sales RC Church Hartley 200 Club: First draw will take place in September** If you are over the age of 16 and would like to join, you will find all the necessary information and application forms on our parish website Notice Board **OR** Pick up the information and application forms from the church porch.

'£1 a Week' Donation to the Thatch Fund: since the appeal began on the 20th June, we have raised £2,048.44 Thankyou so much to all who have been donating weekly or monthly and those who have made their annual donation. We hope that we can raise the £45,000.00 for rethatching the church roof 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. If you wish to, you can set up a monthly £4 bank standing order or annual deposit of £52 to the Thatch Fund Account Nat West. St. Francis de Sales Acc. 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.

Thank you for your support, giving your time and volunteering your skills to help build our faith community. To contribute financially to the upkeep of the parish please join the Parish Gift Aid Scheme; if you are a tax payer the parish will receive a further 25p on every £1 you donate. Please take from the church, or download from the website, a Gift Aid Declaration Form. You can:

(i) Set 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. If you have previously used weekly envelopes, you can continue to use your box number for 2nd Collections, just add the date and collection purpose. If you wish to use standing order for 2nd Collections, note the transaction as '2nd Collection.'

(ii) Use Weekly Envelopes: Fill a Declaration Form and return it to the office. You will be allocated a number to use for Offertory all other Collections. NB Current envelope

users can take any unused box from the meeting room, just write your number for any 1st/2nd/Special Collections, Thatch Fund. Please contact the office for any help needed.

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

(iv) Make Online Offertory Donations to the Parish when it suits your circumstances: Nat West Bank St. Francis de Sales. Account no. 34143580 Sort Code: 60-06-33 Please note as 'Offertory.' or '2nd Collection' etc. Thankyou

To donate directly to the Thatch Fund: Nat West Bank: St. Francis de Sales: Account no. 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33 (v) JustGiving (specifically for Thatch Fund donations) www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

(vi) Shop at Easyfundraising: <u>www.easyfundraising.org.uk.</u> Kent Churches Bike and Hike: Saturday September 11th 2021 From 10 am-6pm. A Sponsored event to raise funds for local churches Further details from carolwilton0@gmail.com Mass Intentions: If you would like someone to be prayed

for, please write the details on a Mass Intentions envelope. Post your intention at White Friars or drop it in the 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 parish Records. Please take a form from the church or download a copy from the website to fill in. **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 Bible is the most important book we have, and our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture. For Information, articles and inspiration to help us explore Sacred Scripture visit 'The God who Speaks' website: godwhospeaks.uk

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: Evangelization** - Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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 a 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 is open for the following Services and for private prayer ALL SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley

Saturday 14th August St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, Mem.	No Mass 11.00.am 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Baptism Arabella Debi Udrea Confessions
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Vigil Mass of Solemnity.	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Peter Pieroni, recently deceased (Anna)
Sunday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2nd Collection: Church Plumbing Works to replace water heater and install new tap.	09.45am - 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Colin Toulson, deceased (Karen) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer nie and Jim Harbinson 62nd Wedding Anniversary (Carol)

Monday 16th August		No Mass
<b>Tuesday 17th August</b> Feria	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Bridget Whitaker wellbeing (Kate)
Wednesday 18th August Feria	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Margaret Galea, recently deceased (Tina)
<b>Thursday 19th August</b> St. John Eudes, Priest	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Friday 20th August</b> St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church, Mem	08.45am-09.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer <b>Requiem Mass</b> Yvette Coutts
Saturday 21st August St. Pius X, Pope, Memorial	No Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	<b>Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am</b> Confessions
St. Pius X, Pope, Memorial Twenty-First Sunday (B)	4.50pm-5.20pm 5.00pm-5.30pm	Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer

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