



29th August 2021

WELCOME: Welcome to everyone who joins us today. If you are attending Mass or visiting the church, we are continuing to observe 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 <https://www.universalis.com/>

The September edition of the Hart Magazine includes a feature on our parish church and the Thatch Fund Appeal.

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes resume Sunday 5th September at 9.45am in Our Lady of Hartley School.

The Choir will be singing at the 10.15am Mass next Sunday, 5th September.

Congratulations to Jack Mealey who was Baptised on 22nd August. May the Lord continue to bless Jack and his parents

Please pray for the intentions of the Gill family and for the intentions of the Cracknell Family .

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Quigley.

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Galea will take place Friday 3rd September 11.30am at Christ Church, Eltham. To join via livestream the link is www.churchservices.tv/eltham

Donations for Gravesend Foodbank: We are resuming our Foodbank Box for non-perishable foods and goods. The box is now placed in the church porch behind the table. Thankyou.

Parish Mass & Barbecue, 10.30am Sunday 19th September

The open air Mass will take place at 10.30am on the school's hard playground, and afterwards, hamburgers and sausages will be available from the **Barbecue at noon**, along with tea, coffee, soft drinks. Please advise if you prefer vegan or vegetarian options. There is no admission fee for the bbq and everyone is welcome. Please bring your own extras or drinks other than those mentioned above. We plan to have a raffle and so donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

We are asking for volunteers to arrive early to help set things up or stay on afterwards to help put away chairs and benches
You can book for the bbq now and register to volunteer, either through the 'Signup for Mass' on the parish website, email Tina Shirley tinashirley28@gmail.com, or contact the parish office. **Booking for the Mass** will be done in the usual way, but is important that you reserve your place for each.

Confirmation preparation Class will begin at the end of September: Any young person who will be in year 8 or above in September 2021 and wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please download an Application form from the parish website or pick one up from the church, fill it in and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. 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.

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 Francis de Sales 200 Club: Only 2 weeks left to apply and pay for your entry number for the September Draw.

Deadline is 12th September. Entry is open to anyone over the age of 16. Download applications and information from the parish website **or get a copy from the church porch.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Once a grouchy old Deacon was teaching a Sunday School class. He wanted to help them understand what a Christian was, so he asked them a question. He asked, "Why do people call me a Christian?" There was a moment of silence and then one of the boys said, "Maybe it's because they don't know you."

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'

£1 a Week' Donation to the Thatch Fund: 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. **To donate: deposit your £1 in the Thatch Fund Boxes placed at the back of the church OR set up a monthly £4 or annual £52 bank standing order 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.

If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. 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 bank standing order

For 2nd Collections, note the transaction '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 no34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33

(v) JustGiving (specifically for Thatch Fund donations)

www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

(vi) Shop at Easyfundraising: Help raise funds for the parish when you shop at www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

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 from the website to fill in and return to the parish office. Thankyou

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: Our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture. 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 28th August

No Mass
4.50pm-5.20pm

Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am
Confessions

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
2nd Collection: Altar and Shrine Flowers

5.00pm-5.30pm
5.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass

Sunday 29th August

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

08.00 - 8.30am
08.30am
09.45am - 10.15am
10.15am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass People of the Parish
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass Gill family Intention (Anne-Marie)

2nd Collection: Altar and Shrine Flowers

Monday 30th August

No Mass

Tuesday 31st August

Feria OR St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne

08.45 - 09.30am
09.30 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass Cracknell Family Intention (Mary)

Wednesday 1st September

World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

08.45 - 09.30am
09.30 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass

Thursday 2nd September

Feria

08.45am-09.30am
09.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass People of Afghanistan (Carol)

Friday 3rd September

St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church,

08.45am-09.30am
09.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass John Quigley, Deceased, Anniversary (Digna)

Saturday 4th September

Feria/ St Cuthbert, Bishop/ Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass
4.50pm-5.20pm

Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am
Confessions

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

5.00pm-5.30pm
5.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 5th September

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

2nd Collection: Plumbing repairs at the church, total cost of £520.00

08.00 - 08.30 am
08.30 am
09.45 - 10.15am
10.15 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass Eileen O'Sullivan, Deceased (Terry)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: 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.

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