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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

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

Parish Youtube : <https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m> Parish Council: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

12th September 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/>

Wedding Notice: Aaron Kempster and Katie Pirot will be married in St. Francis de Sales on Tuesday 26th October 2021.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Doris Denis and David Coffey, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the well-being of Rosemary Butson.

Parish Council: Will be meeting on Thursday 16th September. If there are any matters you would like to be considered, please email the Chair at hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk.

Youth Choir Practice: 12th and 19th September at 9.40am in Our Lady of Hartley School. If your child would like to join the choir, please take an application form from the church or download from the website and return it to the parish office. All school age children are welcome to join the choir.

The Youth Choir and the Adult Choir will be singing at the Open air Mass next Sunday.

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 hot and cold drinks and cakes. Please advise if you prefer vegan or vegetarian options. There is no admission fee or charge for the Barbecue and everyone is welcome so **please Book your place**. We do plan to have a raffle and so any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

We are asking for volunteers to arrive at 8.30am to help set things up or stay on afterwards to help put things away.

You can Book for the BBQ now and volunteer to help either through the 'Signup for Mass' on the parish website, email Tina Shirley tinashirley28@gmail.com, or contact the parish office. Book for Mass as you normally do. Please Note, there is one Mass on Sunday 19th September, NO 8.30am Mass.

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.

Confirmation Preparation begins at the end of September Confirmation Meeting: Candidates for Confirmation and their parents are required to attend the Introductory Confirmation Meeting on **Saturday 25th September 2021**. The meeting will be held in the parish meeting room at 4.30pm. Any

young person who will be in year 8 or above in September 2021 and wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please take and fill an application form and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

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. **There will be a meeting on Sunday 26th September after the 10.15am Mass for those applying to join the programme.**

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: Deadline is 12th September to enter the September Draw. Entry is open to anyone over the age of 16. Get applications and information from the parish website or the church porch. Numbers have been allocated to members, who have been notified by email (check your spam box) or by mail.

The Hart and Saint Francis de Sales. The Hart is a lively and informative village and church magazine published monthly and already delivered to 700 homes in Hartley. Fr Patrick writes an article for the Hart on a regular basis and our church was featured in the magazine last month. Free copies are available in the church porch. If you would like to subscribe to the Hart (£5 annual fee) forms are available to complete. Please ask Carol. carolwilton0@gmail.com

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a very enjoyable summer break. September is always an exciting time in the school calendar when we all look forward to the year ahead and the many experiences it will bring. Please remember that we are here to support you and your child in their learning journey. We work in partnership with all our parents, so if you have any concerns whatsoever, please discuss these with the class teacher. We would like to welcome the new children and families to our school, hope you will be very happy in our school community.

£1 a Week' Donation to the Thatch Fund: Thankyou so much to all who have been donating weekly or monthly or made their annual donation. **To donate:** deposit your £1 in

the Thatch Fund Boxes at the back of the church OR set up a £4/£52 bank order to the **Thatch Fund Account Nat West. St. Francis de Sales Acc. 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.**

Offertory Collections: If you are a tax payer and you join 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 up at the church **(ii)**

Use Weekly Envelopes: Fill a Declaration Form & 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, etc. **(iii)**

Cash OR Cheque payable to St Francis de Sales. (iv) Make Online Offertory Donations to the Parish when it suits your circumstances: Details on the parish website

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(v) JustGiving- specifically for Thatch Fund donation: 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 and

post at White Friars or when you come to the church. All Mass Intentions would be published in the Parish Newsletter. The name of the person/s in each Mass Intention will be placed in the frame by Our Lady's Shrine.

For your Special Occasion, Birthday, Anniversary please let Fr Patrick know so we can pray for you as a community.

Baptism for babies and infants: Contact Fr. Patrick for the necessary advice and guidance on how to proceed.

Parish Database 2020/21: This applies to ALL parishioners. 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.

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'

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 September: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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

Saturday 11th September Feria/ Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish
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Sunday 12th September	08.00 - 8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	08.30am	Mass Children starting new primary and secondary schools
Education Sunday	09.45am - 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
2nd Collection: Catholic Education Services	10.15am	Mass Thanksgiving for teachers

Monday 13th September	No Mass	
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Tuesday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Dora Denis, Anniversary (William)
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Wednesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass David Coffey, deceased (Anna, Heather)
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Thursday 16th September Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Rosemary Butson, well-being (William)
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Friday 17th September Feria OR St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Rosemary Butson, well-being (William)
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Saturday 18th September Feria/St Edith of Kemsing/ Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Home Mission Day	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
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Sunday 19th September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 2nd Collection: Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation	10.30am Open air Mass at Our Lady of Hartley School, Stack Lane, Hartley, DA38BL <i>In case of adverse weather, Mass will be celebrated in the church and will be livestreamed in the school hall for those wishing to join us.</i>	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.
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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