



19th 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 soul of Catherine Geddes, grandmother of Claire Fox, who died recently

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Wilde and for Bernadette Connelly whose anniversary occurs on Sunday

Youth Choir: Will be practising in the school hall at 9.40am on Sunday 19th and then the Youth Choir and the Adult Choir will be singing at the Open air Mass at 10.30.

Parish Mass: 10.30am Sunday 19th September at Our lady of Hartley School- *sorry, the Mass will not be livestreamed*

Afterwards, burgers/sausages will be available from the Barbecue from noon with drinks and cakes. Please advise if you prefer vegan/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. *Volunteers to arrive at 8.00am to help set things up or stay on afterwards to help put things away. You can Book for the BBQ through the 'Signup for Mass' on the parish website, or contact the parish office. 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: The September Draw is now closed but you can still enter for the October draw onwards. Entry is open to anyone over the age of 16. Get applications and information from the parish website or the church porch. Members have been allocated their numbers & notified by email (check spam box) or by mail.

£1 a Week donation to the Thatch Fund: £2,545.38 to date. 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.**

Home Mission Day: Our 2nd Collection this weekend will support the work of The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, celebrating its first anniversary this month. If you would like to find out more on the courses, resources and support they offer please visit the website <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk>; follow them on various social media platforms @aecsouthwark or subscribe to their free monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/heWjml>

The Bible Timeline Course: Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

The Evangelium Online Course from the AEC is a full refresher & overview of the Catholic Faith led by Fr Marcus Holden -co-author of Evangelium- (continued overleaf)

From Our Lady of Hartley School: Excitement is building up here at Our Lady of Hartley! You may have noticed some building work going on over at the school field. We are very pleased to announce that the children will soon be able to enjoy the benefits of some permanent outdoor gym equipment. The all weather surface will mean that the children can enjoy these facilities throughout the year. We hope you all have a great weekend.

Each session is 'live' with opportunities for discussion and questions. There are optional follow-up activities and further reading links provided and a certificate of completion is given by the Agency. **To register for this FREE course**, beginning 26th September please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/evangeliumonlinecourse21-22>

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 (ii) Use Weekly Envelopes (iii) Cash OR Cheque payable to St Francis de Sales. (iv) Make Online Offertory Donations to the Parish when it circumstances suit. Details on the parish website

To donate directly to the Thatch Fund: **Nat West Bank: St.**

Francis de Sales: Account no34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33

(v) JustGiving [www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)

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

The Hart and Saint Francis de Sales: The Hart is a lively and informative village and church magazine published monthly.

Fr Patrick writes an article for the Hart on a regular basis Some 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 Wilton.

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, by phone call, visit, accompanying to medical appointments 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/>

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 18th September Feria/ Blessed Virgin Mary	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Bernadette Connelly, deceased, Anniversary (Jim)
Sunday 19th September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>2nd Collection: Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation</i>	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
Monday 20th September	No Mass	
Tuesday 21st September St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Edward Wilde, deceased (Maureen)
Wednesday 22nd September Feria	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Thursday 23rd September St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest, Mem.	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Friday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Saturday 25th September Feria/Blessed Virgin Mary	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) World day of Migrants and Refugees	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Sunday 26th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 2nd Collection: Carpark Maintenance	8.00am-8.30am 8.30am 9.45am-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

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: hartley@rcaos.org.uk.
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