



26th 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

**The Adult Choir** will sing at the 5.30pm Mass on 2nd October **Please pray for** Calista Naguib, for a successful eye operation **Congratulations** to John and Valerie McGarr on receiving the Papal Blessing to mark their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

**A message from the Episcopal Vicar of Kent, Mgr Canon John O'Toole:** 'Many congratulations on your Open Air Mass and BBQ last Sunday.....thanks and best wishes to all those who were involved with you in the preparation.'

**On behalf of the parish, many thanks** to every one for coming along to the Mass and BBQ, to The Friends of St. Francis for organising the events, to the school for hosting the events, to all volunteers, helpers, and stewards; thankyou to our young readers, our Youth and Adult choirs.

**Reverend Bartholomew:** will be leaving the parish on 18th October. We are grateful to Reverend for his time here and wish him all the best for the future. If you would like to donate towards a farewell gift for Reverend, please mark the envelope 'Reverend Bartholomew' and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Thankyou

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend** is for the maintenance work being carried out in the church carpark area. Thankyou.

**Confirmation Preparation begins at the end of September** Candidates for Confirmation and their parents are required to attend the **Introductory Confirmation Meeting on Saturday 25th September 2021 at 4.30pm.** Any young person in school Yr8 or above who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation but who has not yet applied, please speak to Fr. Patrick 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.

**Urgent Appeal: Do you have an hour to spare once a month to help with church cleaning?** Volunteers are needed for some light vacuuming/dusting/cleaning on a rota basis, working in small teams. Please email Brendan Shirley at [varpays@btinternet.com](mailto:varpays@btinternet.com) or contact the parish office. We would be very grateful for any help you can give.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK: Intolerance in the blood:** *In Belfast, Ireland, a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi were engaged in a heated theological discussion. Suddenly an angel appeared in their midst and said to them, "God sends you His blessings. Make one wish for peace and your wish will be fulfilled by the Almighty." The Protestant minister said, "Let every Catholic disappear from our lovely island. Then peace will reign supreme." The priest said, "Let there not be a single Protestant left on our sacred Irish soil. That will bring peace to this island." "And what about you, Rabbi?" said the angel. "Do you have no wish of your own?" "No," said the rabbi. "Just attend to the wishes of these two gentlemen and I shall be well pleased."*

**St Francis de Sales 200 Club: September Draw is this weekend after the 10.15am Mass** but you can still enter for the October Draw onwards. Get an application form and information from the parish website or in the church porch. Members have been notified of their numbers either by email (please check spam) or by mail.

**£1 a Week donation to the Thatch Fund: £2,692.38 to date** 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.**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 1st October- Climate Crisis Appeal:** *By donating to CAFOD you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.*

**From Our Lady of Hartley School:** What an exciting week it has been at Our Lady of Hartley! First of all, we welcomed back Dave Quinn and his Judo club. It was nice to see so many children keen to learn new martial-art skills. On Wednesday, the children learned some very important safety messages in a fun and exciting way with the team from COBRA Safety. We now look forward to a visit by a world class athlete, Gianni Frankis on the 8th October. To read more, visit [www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/](http://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/)

**Collections will be taken in the parish on the weekend of 2nd/3rd October or you can donate directly to CAFOD – for details please pick up a CAFOD envelope from the church.**

**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**

**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-SalesHartley](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-SalesHartley) (vi) Shop at Easyfundraising:** Help raise funds for the parish when you shop [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

**The Hart and Saint Francis de Sales:** Fr Patrick writes an article for the Hart on a regular basis. To subscribe to the Hart (£5 annual) there are forms on the table in the porch.

**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.

**The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis** free monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/heWjml>

**Evangelium Online FREE course beginning 26th September-** a full refresher & overview of the Catholic Faith led by Fr Marcus Holden. Live sessions with opportunities for discussion/questions/follow-up activities. Register at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latestevangeliumonlinecourse21-22>

**The FREE Bible Timeline Course:** Understand the Bible from start to finish, delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. 8 weekly sessions (7pm-8:40pm) Register at: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

**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>**

<b>Saturday 25th September</b> Feria/ Blessed Virgin Mary	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
<b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b> <b>World day of Migrants and Refugees</b>	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Sunday 26th September</b> <b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b> <b>2nd Collection: Carpark Maintenance Work</b>	8.00am-8.30am 8.30am 9.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish
<b>Monday 27th September</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 28th September</b> St. Wenceslaus/St. Lawrence Ruiz, Comps, Ms.	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Wednesday 29th September</b> Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels, Feast	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Calista Naguib, aged 5yrs, for a successful eye operation
<b>Thursday 30th September</b> St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Mem	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Friday 1st October</b> St. Therese of Lisieux Virgin Doctor of the Church	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Saturday 2nd October</b> Morning: The Holy Guardian Angels	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday Ordinary Time (B)</b>	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 3rd October</b> <b>Twenty-seventh Sunday Ordinary Time (B)</b> <b>Rosary Sunday</b> <b>2nd Collection: CAFOD</b>	8.00am-8.30am 8.30am 9.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass 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](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk).  
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