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

**Wedding Notice:** Aaron Kempster and Katie Pirot will be married in St. Francis de Sales on Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 1pm. Let us pray for Aaron and Katie and their families.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Eileen O'Sullivan.

**Congratulations** to Charmaine Assam who is celebrating her birthday on Sunday 5th September.

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend will help offset the £520 cost for plumbing work in the church.** The water heater and taps in the meeting room kitchen have been replaced and an outside tap was installed. Thankyou for your ongoing support  
**Youth Choir Practice next Sunday 12th 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 will be singing** at the 10.15am Mass this weekend.

**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](mailto:tinashirley28@gmail.com), or contact the parish office. Book for the Mass in the usual way from 13th September- remember to reserve your place for each event. Please Note: the 10.30 Mass will be the only Mass on Sunday 19th September, there will be NO 8.30am Mass.**

**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.

**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 apply and pay to enter the September Draw.** 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.**

**Kent Churches Bike and Hike event: Just a reminder that this event takes place next Saturday** If you would like to sponsor a walker or take part yourself please contact Carol at [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com). Thank you

**£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.**

**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 one up at the church. Fill in the form and return to White Friars. If you also wish to use standing order for **2nd Collections,**

just note the transaction '2nd Collection.' (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: 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 donation:** [www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley](http://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](http://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 drop it in the basket when you come to the church. All Mass Intentions would be published in the Parish Newsletter. Intention Prayers: 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:** 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

**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](http://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.

**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>**

<b>Saturday 4th September</b>	No Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	<b>Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am</b> Confessions
<b>Twenty-third Sunday in 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 5th September</b>	08.00 - 8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
<b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	08.30am	Mass Eileen O'Sullivan, Deceased (Terry)
<b>2nd Collection: Plumbing repairs at the church, total cost of £520.00</b>	09.45am - 10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Charmaine Assam, birthday (Charmaine)
<b>Monday 6th September</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 7th September</b> Feria	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Wednesday 8th September</b> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	08.45 - 09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Thursday 9th September</b> Feria OR St. Peter Claver, Priest	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Friday 10th September</b> Feria	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Saturday 11th September</b> Feria/ Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	<b>Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am</b> Confessions
<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
<b>Sunday 12th September</b>	08.00 - 08.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	08.30 am	Mass People of the Parish
<b>Education Sunday</b>	09.45 - 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
<b>2nd Collection: Catholic Education Services</b>	10.15 am	Mass Thanksgiving for teachers

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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