



28th November 2021

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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: Fr. Patrick has written an article for the December edition. There are some copies in the porch, or speak to Carol Wilton about setting up an annual subscription

Our Adult Choir will be singing at the 5.30pm Mass this weekend, Saturday 27th December

Our Youth Choir will be singing in church for the first time at the 10.15am Mass this weekend, Sunday 28th November.

Meeting with parents of First Holy Communion children: On Sunday 28th November immediately after 10.15am Mass to discuss arrangements for the FHC Mass on 18th December.

Please pray for all those named in our Mass Intentions.

Please pray for all Migrants and Refugees during this Advent.

Congratulations to Holly Bourne & to Katy Fox who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Confirmation preparation: The next class is Saturday 27th November at 4.00pm in the Meeting Room.

RCIA Journey in Faith: Our next meeting will be a Zoom catch-up meeting on Monday 29th November at 8pm.

We will welcome Seminarian Lawrence Mendy to our parish on Tuesday 30th November. Lawrence is a student of the Circumscription of The Gambia, Congregation of The Holy Spirit (Spiritans), and as part of his ongoing missionary formation, he has been approved by the Provincial Council to come for a Religious Missionary Formation and Community Insertion Program in the UK. He has sent a short introduction of himself ahead of his arrival: *'I am Lawrence Mendy. A citizen of The Gambia. I was born in September 30, 1993 at the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH), Banjul. I have lived and interacted with the Spiritans in The Gambia and Ghana for six years now. I acquired The Gambia Higher Teachers' Certificate at The Gambia College and I have completed a BA program in Philosophy and Social sciences at the Spiritan University College, Ejisu, Ashanti Region, Ghana last July 2021. My hobbies are youth activities and volleyball.'*

St Francis de Sales 200 Club: November Draw will take place after 8.30am Mass Sunday 28th November. Good Luck! It is not too late join for December's Draw. Membership Forms are available in the Church porch & on our parish website.

Synod 2023: Please see the notice attached to the newsletter

Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on **Thursday 16th December at 7pm.** We will be joined by a priest of the diocese and the opportunity for individual confession will be available.

Our parish Catholic Women's Circle (CWC) are having a **Social gathering on Wednesday 8th December at 2pm in the church meeting room.** As we will hopefully all have had our booster jabs, we are very much looking forward to meeting again after such a long time. Please contact Margaret Walsh through the parish office for any further information. Non-members are very welcome to join us.

Parish Family Carol Service: Our young readers, the Choir, and the pupils of Our Lady of Hartley School come together for our annual Carol Service on **Sunday December 12th at 3 o'clock.** Please come along to this lovely service or join us through the live stream. And yet more Carols! As Covid restrictions are still preventing Congregational singing an opportunity is being arranged for OUTDOOR Carol Singing on the 19th December. Details to be announced.

Parish Christmas Raffle: The Tickets will be on sale at the Back of the Church £1.00 a Ticket or £5.00 for a Strip of Tickets. For those of you who are unable to attend and would like to take part, please contact the Parish Office and Tickets will be arranged. The Draw will take place on the 19th December 2021. The Prizes are Hampers full of Goodies to suit all ages and all proceeds will go to this Church. The Draw is open to Everyone Please give generously as it is for a very good cause. **Good Luck**

Christmas Mass schedule at St. Francis de Sales:

December 24th, Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 4.30pm— Please note, this Mass is specifically for families with young children, thank you for your consideration.

December 24th Christmas Eve Midnight Mass: 7.00pm

December 25th Christmas Day Mass: 9.30am

Sunday December 26th: Please note there will be ONE Sunday Mass at 9.30am.

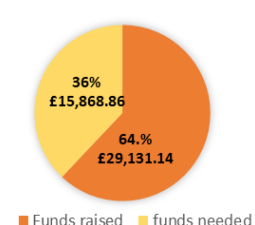
Booking for Christmas Masses will open on Monday 6th December from 10.00am via the parish website, fill in a booking slip at the church or contact the parish office.

From Our Lady of Hartley School: Thank you for joining us in our teacher-parent meetings this week. It has been a pleasure to discuss with you all of the hard work & the creative learning the children have been enjoying. Time has flown, and as December approaches, we look forward to an exciting lead up to Christmas. **Our Christmas Fayre takes place Saturday 4th December 12-3pm, an event for all the family to enjoy: Food, Refreshments, Gift Stalls, Children's Crafts, Santa's Grotto, Grand draw All are welcome!** visit www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP): are a small group of people who offer support in a variety of ways, through phone calls, house visits, accompanying people to medical/dental appointments. We also offer confidential financial support to struggling families. Please contact us through the parish office.

Donation Box for Gravesend Foodbank: Please place non perishable items in the Food Bank Box situated in the porch
Thankyou for your continued support and kindness.

£1 a Week donation to Thatch Fund: £45,000.00 Target



You may deposit your £1 in the Thatch Fund Boxes at the back of the church OR set up a £4 monthly/ £52 yearly bank order to the Thatch Fund at Nat West Bank St. Francis de Sales Acc no. 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.

Thankyou for your support

Offertory Collections: *If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. It is not a binding and 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 (v) Our parish JustGiving

Page at www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-SalesHartley

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 are published in the Newsletter and names are written in the special frame placed 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: *It is important that we update our parish records. If you have not yet done so, please take a DATABASE FORM, fill in your details and return it to the parish office.*

Prayer Resources: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php>

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/schoolindex.htm>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/>

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, a period for devout and expectant delight. The Spirituality Commission of the Archdiocese are offering a series of short, daily reflections straight to your email inbox focusing on the readings of the day. The link is: <http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: People who suffer from depression *We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.*

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

Saturday 27th November Feria/Blessed Virgin Mary	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
Mass of Sunday	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm Mass	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer People of the Parish
Sunday 28th November First Sunday of Advent (C) 2nd Collection: Flowers and candles for our Advent and Christmas Wreath	08.00am-8.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Colin Toulson, deceased (Karen) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Valerie Mc Garr, deceased (Bernie, Jim)
Monday 29th November	No Mass	
Tuesday 30th November St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr, Feast	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Deceased Whittaker & Goodfellow family (Kate)
Wednesday 1st December Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Terry Halpin, deceased, Anniversary (Mary)
Thursday 2nd December Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Deceased Fox & O'Donoghue family
Friday 3rd December—Migrants' Day St. Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Evelyne Conté (Carol)
Saturday 4th December Feria/St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm 5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Barbara Moran, deceased (Michael)
Sunday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent (C) 2nd Collection: Repairs to Bell Tower and repainting outer walls £480.00	08.00am-8.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Deceased Budd and Meehan family (Gerry) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish

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