



12th December 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: **Please Book for Mass, Wear a face mask, Keep 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/>

Our Adult Choir will be singing at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 11th December and **Our Youth Choir** will be singing at the FHC Mass on Saturday 18th and at the 4.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.

Please pray for all those named in our Mass Intentions.

Please pray during this season of Advent for Migrants and Refugees and Expectant Mothers.

Happy Birthday to Natalya Assam who is 5yrs old on Sunday.

First Holy Communion Saturday 18th December 12 noon:

Please pray for our 14 children who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time next Saturday **There will be a rehearsal for the FHC Mass immediately after the 10.15am Mass this Sunday 12th December. All parents must attend the rehearsal with their child Thankyou**

Our Lady of Hartley School Advent Reconciliation Service. Thankyou to all the staff and junior school children for their wonderful participation at our Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday. The children each lit a candle in front of the altar during the service

Christmas decorations: Thankyou to Tina & Brendan and all their little helpers for decorating the church for Christmas.

RCIA Journey in Faith: Our final meeting is on Monday 13th December at 5.45pm in the Meeting Room.

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 there will be an opportunity for individual confession.

Parish Carol Service - THIS Sunday 12th December at 3 o'clock. A collection will be taken to support the work of the S.V.P, to help needy local families at Christmas.

Carols in the Car Park - after the 10.15 Mass on 19th December. Please let Carol know if you plan to join us - carolwilton0@gmail.com

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, all proceeds will go to this church.

200 Club: It is not too late join for December's Draw. Membership Forms are available in the Church porch & on our parish website. The December Draw will be on Sunday 19th December after the 8.30am Mass. **There will be 3 prizes of £100, £50 and £35.**

Christmas Day Mass schedule at St. Francis de Sales:

December 24th, Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 4.30pm This Mass is specifically for families with young children.

December 24th Christmas Eve Midnight Mass: 7.00pm

December 25th Christmas Day Mass: 9.30am

Booking is open: via the parish website, fill in a booking slip at the church or, contact the parish office.

Sunday December 26th: we will have ONE Mass at 9.30am.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP): 'We 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. **Please drop your SVP Christmas donations into the SVP blue bucket at the back of the Church in cash or by cheque (payable to SVP St Francis De Sales Hartley) Thankyou for your generous support.'**

From Our Lady of Hartley School: It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas here at Our Lady of Hartley with two wonderful performances by the children in Year 1 and Year 2 and the rest of the children looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for your kind donations to Save the Children and to the Community Cupboard. We also say a big thank you to our wonderful PTA and their team of volunteers who have worked so hard in the past week to host the very successful Christmas Fayre and to organise the Gift Fayre for the children. We now look forward to more festive excitement next week.

A Safeguarding Message from St Francis De Sales Church The Parish of St Francis De Sales takes the safeguarding of children, young people and adults very seriously. If you are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm, you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative or if the Parish Safeguarding Representative is not available in an emergency please dial 999: **Mrs Victoria Foley** - (Parish Safeguarding Representative)

Address - C/O White Friars (address above) **E mail** - hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk **Phone** - 07966 538458

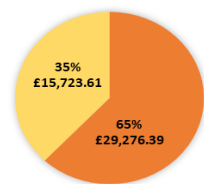
The Catholic Women's Circle (CWC) met on 8th December 'It went very well , we had nine attendees and delicious cakes from Tina & Margaret who also helped with the teas and everyone was delighted to have Fr Patrick with us, so all in all it was a success. The weather will determine when the next session will be in the New Year.' Margaret Walsh

Catholic Christian Outreach: *The Ultimate Relationship Booklet* and '*Come Home*' postcards are available in the porch to please take with you as you leave church.

The Catholic Post Newspaper: 'The UK's first Carbon Neutral Catholic Newspaper' Please take a free copy home with you. We would appreciate feedback on the paper to determine whether to subscribe monthly as a parish.

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

£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.**

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!

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) JustGiving 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> <https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/> For December 2021, we join the Holy Father in praying for Catechists, all summoned to announce the Word of God.

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

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| Saturday 11th December Feria | 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 Peter Pieroni, deceased |
| Sunday 12th December Third Sunday of Advent (C) Gaudete Sunday 2nd Collection: Repairs to Bell Tower and repainting outer walls £480.00 | 08.00am-8.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am 3.00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Mark Preston, Deceased and the Deceased members of the Preston and Ormans families. (Sally) SVP Carol Service |
| Monday 13th December | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 14th December | 08.45-09.30am 09.30 am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Creasy family Intention (Tony) |
| Wednesday 15th December | 08.45-09.30am 09.30 am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Maureen Smith, Deceased, Anniversary (Marie) |
| Thursday 16th December Feria | 08.45-09.30am 09.30 am 7.00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Well-being of Phylis Everett (Georgina) Advent Reconciliation Service and individual Confession |
| Friday 17th December Feria | 08.45am-09.30am 09.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Cornelius Moran, deceased (Michael) |
| Saturday 18th December Feria | 12 noon 4.50pm-5.20pm 5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm | First Holy Communion Mass Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish |
| Sunday 19th December Fourth Sunday of Advent 2nd Collection: Presbytery Maintenance | 08.00am-8.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Ninian and Molly Shirley, Deceased (Brendan) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Frances Doherty, Deceased (Bill) |