



19th December 2021

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To make a Bank Donation: St. Francis de Sales Nat West: Acc: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33

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Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StFrancisDeSalesHartley

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St. Francis de Sales' Mass Streaming Live www.churchservices.tv/hartley

Parish Youtube : <https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m> Parish Council: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

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/>

Please pray for all those named in our Mass Intentions.

Annual Holiday: Fr. Patrick will be taking his annual holiday from 28th December, travelling home to visit his family in Ghana. **We will welcome Fr. Joseph Donkor (Fr. Joe)** who is from Ghana and was ordained a priest in July 2004. In 2017, the parish of St. Edmund's in Whitton offered Fr. Joe generous support to study education at St. Mary's University, Twickenham. He has completed a master's degree in school leadership at St. Mary's. Fr Joe is currently in his third year of doctoral studies at St. Mary's alongside with full time pastoral work at Sacred Heart Wimbledon.

First Holy Communion: 14 of our young parishioners receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend, Saturday 18th December. We pray for God's blessing on Alana, Aleksa, Amelia, Ava, Ciara, Olympia, Sophia, Tatyana, Benedict, Kwesi, Lucas, Micael, Nathaniel, Patrick, and all their families, on this very special day.

The children will attend the 10.15am Mass this Sunday 19th December to join the parish in celebrating the Eucharist.

Our Youth Choir will be singing at the 4.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 24th December. **PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD AT THE CHURCH AT 3pm FOR PRACTISE BEFORE THE MASS.**

Our Adult Choir will be singing at the 7.00pm Midnight Mass on Saturday 24th December.

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 Sunday 19th December 2021 at the end of the 1015am Mass.** The Prizes are Hampers full of Goodies to suit all ages. Proceeds will go to this church.

'Carols in the car park' after the 10.15am Mass this Sunday.

200 Club: The December Draw will be on Sunday 19th December after the 8.30am Mass. There will be 3 prizes of £100, £50 and £35. Membership Forms are available in the Church porch & on our parish website. **Good Luck!**

Christmas Day Mass schedule at St. Francis de Sales:

December 24th, Christmas Vigil: **4.30pm is fully booked**

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.

If you have to cancel your booking, kindly notify the parish office, so that seats may be reallocated, thankyou.

Christmas Offering to the parish priest: Collections taken at Mass on 24th, 25th, 26th December will be our personal offering to the parish priest. Christmas Offering envelopes are in the porch or you may donate online through the parish bank account. Nat West Acc: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33. Please note your gift aid number on the envelope or on the bank notification. Many thanks.

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. **Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the SVP Christmas Collection. The blue SVP box is in the porch for anyone still wishing to donate.**

Darenth Valley Hospital: Fr Pat Zammit, Parish Priest of St. Vincent's, Dartford, is the RC Chaplain at Darenth Valley hospital. It is essential that patients, or family members, make their catholicity clear to hospital authorities.

From Our Lady of Hartley School: The Christmas holidays are finally here and it has been such a joy to see the excitement on the children's faces as they enjoyed a host of festivities this week.

We hope you all have a very happy and Holy Christmas. Thankyou for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

Thankyou and well done to the following children for acting and reading so beautifully at the Carol Service on Sunday: Holly, Patrick, Liam, James, Michael, Sophia, Florence, Daniella, and Micael.

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)

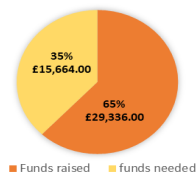
Address - C/O White Friars (address above) **E mail** - hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk **Phone** - 07966 538458

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

For December 2021, we join the Holy Father in praying for Catechists: *"For the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace."*

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 December Feria	No Morning Mass 12 noon 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am First Holy Communion Mass Confessions
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Mass of Sunday	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm Mass	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer People of the Parish
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Sunday 19th December Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) 2nd Collection: Presbytery Maintenance	08.00am-8.30am 08.30am Mass 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am 11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Ninian and Molly Shirley, and family Deceased (Brendan) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Frances Doherty, Deceased (Bill) Baptism: Hudson Lidsey
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Monday 20th December	No Mass	
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Tuesday 21st December Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Mary Law, Deceased (Doreen)
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Wednesday 22nd December Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Joanna Okoli, Deceased (Emily)
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Thursday 23rd December Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Abraham Kurani, Deceased (Ashly)
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Friday 24th December Collection today: Christmas Offering to the parish priest	4.30pm 7.00pm	NO Morning Mass The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass Intention: All those suffering from Covid19 The Nativity of the Lord - Mass in the Night Intention: Sick and Housebound parishioners
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Saturday 25th December Collection today: Christmas Offering to the parish priest	09.30am	Nativity of the Lord - Mass during the Day Intention: People of the parish
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Sunday 26th December Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Collection: Christmas Offering to parish priest	09.00am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: People of the Parish
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For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: hartley@rcaos.org.uk. Newsletter items received after 11 am Friday may not be included that week. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles.

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