



26th December 2021

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

To donate directly to the Thatch Fund: Nat West Acc: 34363181 sort code: 60-06-33

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 from 10.00am for private prayer.

Confessions: Saturdays 4.50-5.20pm; Tues - Fri 8.50-9.20am

On Christmas Day: after the 09.30am Mass, the church will remain open for private prayer up to 5pm.

Livestreaming Mass: <https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley>

For Daily and Sunday Mass Readings, Morning and Evening Prayer, visit <https://www.universalis.com/>

2022 Southwark Directory has arrived: Copies are £4 each to purchase. 6 Copies are available in the porch. Please put the money in an envelope marked Directory 2022 or in the wall-box marked *Repository*, which is on the right hand side next to the Meeting Room door.

Please pray for all those named in our Mass Intentions.

Christmas Day Mass schedule at St. Francis de Sales:

December 24th, Christmas Vigil: 4.30pm *If you would like to attend this Mass but you have not booked a seat, please first contact the parish office to check for availability.*

December 24th Christmas Eve Midnight Mass: 7.00pm

December 25th Christmas Day Mass: 9.30am

Booking is still open via the parish website or parish office.

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

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John Wilson: for the Solemnity of the Holy Family, is attached to this week's newsletter and will be read at Sunday Mass 26th December.

Christmas Offering to the parish priest: Collections taken at Mass on 24th, 25th, 26th December will be your 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 reference *Christmas Offering*. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please note your gift aid number on the Christmas Offering envelope or on the Bank donation. Thankyou.

Annual Holiday: Fr. Patrick will be taking his annual holiday from 28th December, travelling home to visit his family in Ghana. We welcome Fr. Joseph Donkor (Fr. Joe) who is from Ghana, and currently studying for his doctorate while working in the parish of Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, will be celebrating Mass while Fr. Patrick until Fr. Patrick returns.

Parish Christmas Raffle: "Last Sunday 19th December, after 10:15am Mass we saw the Parish Christmas Raffle being drawn. Very many thanks to all who took part. It was very generous of you all. I am pleased to say we raised £1,010.00 and as we have said previously, the Total Funds will go to our Church - Saint Francis De Sales.

The Winners are as follows: **Pink 35-** Sue Gregory
Pink 676- Vivian Ryan. **Pink 207 -** Kenneth MacEwan
Yellow 66 - Caroline Heylen. **Blue 24 -** Karen Toulson.
Blue 2 - Angela Smith. **Blue 19 -** Gerry Budd.

Congratulations to all the Winners and Thanks to Everyone for your generosity. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas from Anna Coffey"

200 Club: Christmas Draw 19th December winners

1st prize of £100 S McMonagle

2nd prize of £50 T Gordon

3rd prize of £35 J Connelly

Very kindly, winners of 2nd and 3rd prize are donating their prize to the Thatch Fund.

200 Club Membership is open for January 2022 onwards and Forms are available in the Church porch & on our parish website.

Ecumenical Service for the Week of prayer for Christian

Unity: Will take place on Friday January 21st. Our parish will be hosting the service this year. Please see the attachment to the newsletter about this upcoming event.

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.**

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.

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.

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

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 which is 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 filled in a DATABASE FORM, please download a copy from the parish website or take a copy from the porch, fill in your details and return it to the parish office, in person, via email, or when you come to Mass. You might not otherwise be registered as parishioners of this parish.*

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: *"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." "Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to invite every man and woman to the stable of Bethlehem to adore the Son of God made man....Everyone is called to seek God, and with and through God's grace, everyone is able to find Him."*

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

Friday 24th December Collection today: Christmas Offering to the parish priest	4.30pm 7.00pm 09.00am	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 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer The Nativity of the Lord- Mass in the Day Intention: People of the Parish
Saturday 25th December Collection today: Christmas Offering to the parish priest	09.30am The church will remain open for private prayer until 5pm today.	
NO 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 25th December		
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
Monday 27th December	No Mass	
Tuesday 28th December Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Peter Welch, and Welch family members, deceased
Wednesday 29th December St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop, Martyr	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass David Coffey, Deceased (Heather)
Thursday 30th December Sixth Day	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Catherine Moran, Deceased (Michael)
Friday 31st December Seventh Day	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Peter Leaver, Deceased
Saturday 1st January Morning: Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass of Sunday	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 Peter and Catherina Armfield, Deceased (Chris)
Sunday 2nd January 2nd Sunday after Christmas 2nd Collection: Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund	08.00am 08.30am 09.45am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: People of the Parish Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Deceased members of Spickett, Foster and Goodsall Families (Valerie)

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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