



5th 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: **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 photographs of our loved ones** have been placed by Our Lady's Shrine, please take them with you when you come to Mass or ask someone to pick them up for you, thankyou.

**Student Lawrence Mendy** arrived safely from The Gambia on Wednesday. Lawrence will stay with us until Easter 2022.

**Congratulations to our Youth Choir** who sang so beautifully at Mass last Sunday. Many thanks to Lucila and Tom for preparing them so well & their parents for supporting them.

**Our Adult Choir** will be singing at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 11th December.

**Please pray** for all those named in our Mass Intentions.

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

**Congratulations and blessings** to James Daly and John Horwood on celebrating their birthdays this week.

**Confirmation preparation:** The next class is Saturday 4th December at 4.00pm in the Meeting Room.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** Our final two meetings for the year will be on Monday 6th & Monday 13th December at 5.45 pm in the Meeting Room. Please remember to complete your application form from the diocese.

**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.

**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.

**Decorating the church for Christmas:** We will begin decorating the Church for Christmas on Thursday 9th December after the 9.30Mass and on Friday 10th December after the 9.30am Mass if necessary. All helpers welcome.

**Parish Family Carol Service:** A reminder that this is next week Sunday 12th December at 3 o'clock. A lovely traditional Christmas service with Readings, Carols and Nativity Tableau.

**Carols in the Car Park:** For those who enjoy a seasonal sing, Sunday 19th December after 10.15 Mass, gather in the Car Park. There may even be some mince pies on offer!

**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

**200 Club: November Draw Winners: 1st prize £50: no. 80 J Pemberton. 2nd Prize no 37 £12.50 S Gregory. 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.**

**Thankyou to Jim Harbinson for designing the beautiful hand-made cards each winner receives with their cheques**

**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, thankyou for your consideration.**

**December 24th Christmas Eve Midnight Mass: 7.00pm**

**December 25th Christmas Day Mass: 9.30am**

**Sunday December 26th: ONE 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.**

**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.

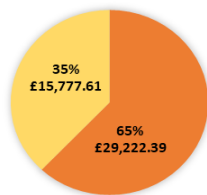
**From Our Lady of Hartley School:** This week, Our Lady of Hartley has been filled with the wonderful sound of children singing as Year 4 tuned up for their highly successful appearance at Bluewater and children across the school practised for their Christmas performances. We could even hear the choir belting out Beatles songs after school on Thursday under the expert guidance of Mrs Clarke. Well done to all and have a lovely weekend.

**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!**

**To learn more, visit [www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk)**

**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 and kindness.

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



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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!*

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](http://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 Second Sunday of Advent as we journey to Christmas.** The Spirituality Commission of the Archdiocese are offering a series of short, daily reflections straight to your email inbox. To sign up, click: <http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv>

**Wednesday 8th December is The Feast of The Immaculate Conception.** Our Lady appeared to Bernadette of Soubirous in Lourdes and told her 'I am the Immaculate Conception.'

**To watch the beautiful film The Song of Bernadette, click on link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLKFAKIfn-w>

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December:** "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 4th December Feria/St. John Damascene, Priest	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm Mass	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Barbara Moran, deceased (Michael)
<b>Sunday 5th December</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent (C)</b> <b>2nd Collection: Repairs to Bell Tower and repainting outer walls £480.00</b>	08.00am-8.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Deceased members of Budd & Meehan families Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish
<b>Monday 6th December</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 7th December</b> St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Deceased members of the Denis family
<b>Wednesday 8th December</b> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Deceased members of McDonagh & Fresquez families
<b>Thursday 9th December</b> Feria/ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Emmanuel Okoli, deceased
<b>Friday 10th December</b> Feria/ Our Lady of Loreto	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Deceased members of Begley & McGirr families
<b>Saturday 11th December</b> Feria/St. Damasus I, Pope	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 Pieroni, deceased
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>		
<b>Sunday 12th December</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Gaudete Sunday</b> <b>2nd Collection: Repairs to Bell Tower and repainting outer walls £480.00</b>	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 Deceased members of the Preston and Ormans families. Carol Service

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