Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter

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

16th January 2022

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

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

Livestreaming Mass: https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley
Appeal to meet Parish Livestreaming costs for 2022: Our
costs for Church Services TV this year will come to £1,328.40.
The livestream of our Mass continues to be a vital source of
Spiritual Communion for many housebound or shielding
parishioners & non-parishioners in this ongoing pandemic.
If you can help, please put donations in an envelope marked
'Livestream Appeal' - or donate directly through the parish
bank account Nat West Acc: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33.
If you are a tax payer please use the white Gift Aid Envelopes
in the porch or fill in a Gift Aid Declaration Form. Thankyou
The adult choir will sing at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday
22nd January.

Please pray for all those named in our Mass Intentions.

'SYNOD 2021-2023' Questionnaire. Copies of the question sheet are in the porch. We are encouraged as members of the parish to participate & respond by 17th January 2022.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 18th-25th January. The Church observes 8 days of prayer for Christian Unity. Our parish is hosting An Ecumenical Service on Friday January 21st at 10.30am. This year's theme 'We saw his star in the East..' has been chosen by the churches of the Middle East. All are warmly invited to join us for a service of prayers, hymns and readings which we are planning with our Anglican friends. Come in and enjoy the peaceful calm of our stunningly beautiful church as we raise our minds and hearts to God. Light a candle in memory of your loved ones; link your hopes and dreams to the prayers of all who enter our church. Afterwards let us offer you a hot drink and cake.

Please take a booklet with daily prayers for the week, available in the porch.

Southwark Marriage & Family Life Growing in Faith Together
A follow on course for engaged and married couples. 4
weekly online sessions. Register at aec.rcaos.org.uk/together
The diocesan Annual report for 2020 has been issued, and
what's more Hartley gets a mention! If you visit https://
www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/diocese/policies-and-annual-report/
annual-reports/ and select 2020, then scroll through that
report to page 22, there is a link to our BBC SE TV recording.
You can show your friends and family!

TODAY is 'PEACE SUNDAY' and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peace-making? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022 Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. Our 2nd Collection this week will go to support their work. Or if you'd like to make a donation online, here is the link: https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x

200 Club: Membership is open for anyone interested, including for the Draw in January which will take place after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 30th January. Membership Forms and Rules are available in the porch or you can download copies from our parish website under 'Noticeboard' section '200 Club.'

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. All communication is strictly confidential' **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.

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.

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

From Our Lady of Hartley School: welcome back to our first newsletter of 2022. we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year break. We now look forward to what we hope will be an uninterrupted journey through the Spring Term and into summer, including more events where we can invite you to join us in school.

visit our website at www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk

£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 great support.

Offertory Collections: If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. It is not binding and the parish will receive back 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 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.

Prayer Resources: https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/ http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm

We pray with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for his intention in JANUARY 2022: For true human fraternity -

'We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.'

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 - hartleysg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk. Phone - 07966 538458

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

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Saturday 15th January Morning: Feria/ Blessed Virgin Mary Mass of 2nd 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: People of the Parish
Sunday 16th January 2nd Sunday- Peace Day Prayer today for Peace on Earth 2nd Collection: Pax Christi	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Well-being of Jacky and Bernard Precey (Angela) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Virginia Obioha, Deceased (Emily)
Monday 17th January	No Mass	
Tuesday 18th January Church Unity Octave begins today	08.45-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Enid and Wilfred Goodfellow, Deceased (Kate)
Wednesday 19th January Feria / St Wulstan, Bishop	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Adele Maxwell, recently deceased (Georgina)
Thursday 20th January Feria/St. Sebastian, Martyr	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: In memory of Richard Rons, deceased (William)
Friday 21st January St. Agnus, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial.	08.45-09.30am 09.30am 10.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Jose & Maria Bicarregui & family, Deceased(Tina) Christian Unity Week Ecumenical Service
Saturday 22nd January Morning: Feria/ St. Vincent/Blessed Virgin Mary 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: Fr. Hugh Bridge, Deceased, 15th Anniversary.
Sunday 23rd January St Francis de Sales Patronal Feast Day 2nd Collection: Church Flowers and plants	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Mass: People of the Parish