



2nd 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

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

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

Fr. Patrick sends his sincere thanks for all your prayers and good wishes as he arrived home safely in Ghana to visit his family and thank you for your Christmas Offering & presents.

Fr. Joseph Donkor (Fr. Joe) will be staying here in the parish and celebrating Mass while Fr. Patrick is away.

Please pray for all those named in our Mass Intentions.

On Thursday 6th January, we will celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.30am

Thankyou to our stewards, readers, choirs, musicians and all who were able to attend our Christmas Masses last weekend.

Christmas Offering: If you were not able to attend Christmas Mass and would still like to make your Christmas Offering, envelopes are in the porch, cheques payable to St. Francis de Sales, or 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 GA number on the envelope or Bank donation thankyou

2022 Southwark Directory has arrived: Copies are £4 each to purchase. Limited 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.

Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund: Our 2nd Collection this week will be added to our Christmas Crib Collection Box which is placed underneath the Christmas Wreath by the Nativity Scene in the Christmas Season until 9th January 2022
'SYNOD 2021-2023' A short questionnaire is attached to this week's newsletter. We are all invited and encouraged as members of the parish to respond to any of the questions.

Ecumenical Service for the Week of prayer for Christian Unity will take place here on Friday January 21st at 10.30am

All are welcome to attend a service of prayers, hymns and readings, followed by a hot drink and cake.

200 Club: 200 Club Membership is open for January 2022 and onwards. The Membership Forms and Rules are available in the porch or on our parish website under 'Noticeboard' section.

Notice from Marriage and Family Life, Kent: Dear husband and wife! During the restrictions due to the Covid pandemic, an online **'Building a Better Marriage' opportunity is being held from 9am -1pm on Saturday JAN 8th 2022.** The course offered means that you can attend the course from your own living room and there is no group sharing!

Recent Building a Better Marriage courses received the following comments from married couples who logged on ... 'The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them. The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable...'

'We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course and have certainly been practicing a few of the things we learnt already. It puts a smile on our faces when we do because we know that we are certainly richer from participating in the course.' **For further information contact: Carole- Tel: 07983524727 - Email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk**

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.

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.

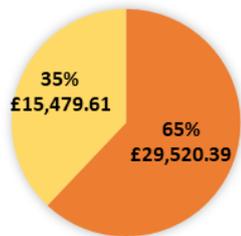
The Catholic Post Newspaper: 'The UK's first Carbon Neutral Catholic Newspaper' Please take a free copy home with you. We would appreciate feedback on the paper to determine whether to subscribe monthly as a parish.

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 .

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

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



■ Funds raised ■ funds needed

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.**

Offertory Collections: *If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. It is not 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 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 of this parish.*

Prayer Resources: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php>
<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/>

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.'

Blessing for the New year *"The Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let His face shine on you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover His face to you and bring you peace."* Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, 1st January

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

Saturday 1st January <i>Morning: Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	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)
Mass of Sunday		
Sunday 2nd January 2nd Sunday after Christmas	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)
2nd Collection: Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund		
Monday 3rd January	No Mass	
Tuesday 4th January <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i>	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Peter Welch & Welch family members, deceased
Wednesday 5th January <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i>	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Patrick Begley, Deceased (Patrina)
Thursday 6th January The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity A Holy day of Obligation	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: In loving memory of Janine Wilde, died on 24th December 2019 (Maureen)
Friday 7th January <i>Feria of Christmas Time/ St. Raymond, Priest</i>	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Andrew Okoli & Christina Okoli, Deceased (Emily)
Saturday 8th January <i>Morning: Feria of Christmas Time</i>	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: Fourd Marzouca, Deceased.
Mass of Sunday		
Sunday 9th January Baptism of the Lord, Feast 2nd Collection: White Flower Appeal (SPUC)	08.00am 08.30am 09.45am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Deceased members of the Walsh, O'Brien and Parette families (Margaret) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: People of the Parish
The end of the Season of Christmas		

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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