



9th 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>

**Our Adult Choir will be singing** at the 10.15am Mass Sunday 9th January.

**Appeal to meet Parish Livestreaming costs for 2022:** We have begun a new year in our contract with Church Services TV and are making our appeal for this year's cost of £1,328.40. The livestream of our parish Mass has been a vital source of Spiritual Communion and connection for so many of our housebound and shielding parishioners in this last year.

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

**Fr. Patrick** has travelled to Ghana to spend his annual holiday with his family. We are grateful to Fr. Joseph Donkor (Fr. Joe) who is staying with us while Fr. Patrick is away.

**The Season of Christmas ends on Sunday** with our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

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

**White Flower Appeal 2022:** 'The mission of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is to save the lives of unborn babies and to protect women from abortion. We are currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech which is being restricted now more than ever. As part of our petition in support of the right to speak up, you can help by picking up a postcard on your way home, sign and return it to SPUC and we will present them to No.10 Downing St.

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend will support the work of SPUC.** Please be as generous as you can to help defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

**'Parliament in your Parish'- Notes from Zoom Meeting with Gareth Johnson on November 5th 2021.** Please read the attachment to this week's newsletter from Phil Kerton.

**'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.

**Church Unity Octave:** From 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.** All are welcome to attend a service of prayers, hymns and readings, with our Anglican friends, which will be followed by a hot drink and cake.

**200 Club:** Membership is still open for anyone interested, including for the Draw in January. The Membership Forms and Rules are available in the porch or on our parish website under 'Noticeboard' section.

**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.

**Next Sunday, 16th January, 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 peacemaking? 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. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

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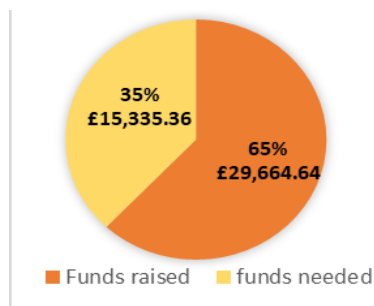
**A Safeguarding Message from St Francis De Sales Church** The Parish of St Francis De Sales takes the safeguarding of children, young people and adults very seriously. If you are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm, you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative or if the Parish Safeguarding Representative is not available in an emergency please dial 999: **Mrs Victoria Foley** - (Parish Safeguarding Representative)

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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**. 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/> <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.'

*"The feast of the Lord's baptism reminds us of our own baptism...Celebrate the date of your baptism every year in your heart. Do it. It is also a duty of justice to the Lord who has been so good to us."* Pope Francis.

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

<b>Saturday 8th January</b> <i>Morning: Feria of Christmas Time</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 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.
<b>Sunday 9th January</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord, Feast</b> <b>2nd Collection: White Flower Appeal (SPUC)</b>	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
<b>Monday 10th January</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 11th January</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Kweku Essuman & Madame Monica Elliason, Deceased
<b>Wednesday 12th January</b> Feria OR St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: John Pieroni, Deceased (Chris)
<b>Thursday 13th January</b> Feria/St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Pat and Jim Gregory, Deceased (Susan)
<b>Friday 14th January</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Michael Barry & family members, Deceased(Tina)
<b>Saturday 15th January</b> <i>Morning: Feria/ Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 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
<b>Sunday 16th January</b> <b>Peace Sunday</b> <b>Prayer today for Peace on Earth</b> <b>2nd Collection: Pax Christi</b>	08.00am 08.30am 09.45am 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)

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