

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter February 27th 2022



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St. Francis de Sales' Mass Streaming Live: **www.churchservices.tv/hartley**

WELCOME: Welcome to everyone joining us today. **If you are attending Mass:** *Please wear a face mask, Sanitise your hands on entering & leaving church and kindly respect other people's need for social distancing.*

The Church is Open: Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 08.45am- 4.00pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am for private prayer.

Confessions: Saturdays 4.30-5.20pm; Tues - Fri 8.40-9.20am, or you can book an appointment with the parish priest for a time that is convenient to you.

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

Please pray for those named in our Mass intentions and for all our sick and housebound parishioners.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Aikins who died recently.

Our Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday on 2nd March. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated this day as a day of Prayer and Fasting for peace in Ukraine.

At 9.30am we will have Mass with Distribution of Ashes.

At 6.30pm we will hold a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration **At 7.30pm** we will have a Service of Evening Prayer with Distribution of Ashes. A service sheet with all prayers and readings will be provided. Please attend if you can, or join us over the livestream.

Pray the Holy Rosary: We are all encouraged to set aside time to pray the Rosary for peace on Ash Wednesday.

Confirmation: The next class takes place Saturday 26th February 4pm, in the church Meeting Room.

Our Youth Choir will be singing at our 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 5th March- please drop your child off at the church at 4pm for practise before Mass. **Would your child like to join the Youth Choir? New members are very welcome,** pick up a consent form at the church or download from the parish website & return it to the parish office by 5th March.

A Meeting for Youth Group Leaders will take place on Saturday 5th March at 4pm in the meeting room.

First Holy Communion 2022: Parents of children who are in the current school Year 3 or above, and who are parishioners of this parish, can submit an Application Form to register their child for First Holy Communion Preparation Classes. The forms are available in the porch or on the parish website and should be returned by 31st March 2022. Applications received after this date may not be accepted. Thank you.

RCIA Journey in Faith: The next RCIA meetings will be on next Monday 28th February and the following Monday, 7th March, in the meeting room at 6.45pm for 7 pm start. Fr. Patrick will address both meetings, and it is very important that those on the RCIA programme attend if at all possible. Sponsors/Godparents are encouraged to attend.

Parish Lenten Talk: As part of our Lenten observance, we are pleased to welcome the

well-known Scripture scholar, Fr. John Deehan to our parish for a talk on Tuesday 15th March from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. In preparation you might like to read Luke 22.14 – 24.12, and John 13.1-15; 18 1–20.9, and spot the differences between the two accounts. Please attend in person if you are able to, or tune in over the livestream.

FRIDAY EVENINGS IN LENT at 7.30pm: All are welcome to attend Stations of the Cross in church or via the livestream. We will be using a variety of 20th and 21st century meditations upon Christ's Passion and Death. We need a few volunteers to take a turn at leading these devotions: to find out more or offer to help, please contact Phil Kerton (Tel. 873802). Phil & Barbara will lead on Friday 4th March.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March at the Church Centre on Ash Road 10.30am: This year the Parish of Fawkham and Hartley is hosting the annual World Day of Prayer. Parishioners from Saint Francis are warmly invited by our Anglican friends to join them for this annual ecumenical event and for coffee, cake and conversation after the service. We would like to have representatives from each parish to take part in the service. Please contact Carol if you would be willing to participate, or for further details carolwilton0@gmail.com.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP): 'We are a small group of people who offer **confidential** support through phone calls, house visits, accompanying people to local medical/dental appointments. We also offer financial support to struggling families. Please contact us through the parish office.

Darenth Valley Hospital: Fr Pat Zammit is the RC Chaplain at Darenth Valley hospital. It is essential that patient's families make their catholicity clear to hospital authorities.

The Knights of St Columba have produced a new recruitment video which captures the essence of their work. Please feel free to watch and share this video online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvqkVtIKUek>

Southwark Spirituality Commission: Online

Lent Retreat - Saving Grace. During each week of Lent, Archbishop John will introduce a video, an Old Testament passage will be read & a brief talk will follow exploring themes connected with the Gospel. Sign up <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

Stewardship and Planned Giving: Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility. This weekend we launch our stewardship inspired planned giving drive. Over the next 3 weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish & individually, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent & financial blessings with our parish community & our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial portion to Him. Please read the leaflet you have been given/sent today. We shall be hearing more about stewardship & the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. Volunteers are available in the meeting room after Mass to answer questions. Thankyou for your participation.

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.

200 Club: Membership is still open for the February Draw which takes place this Sunday after the 8.30am Mass. Information, Rules, Membership Forms are available in the church porch or download from the parish website.

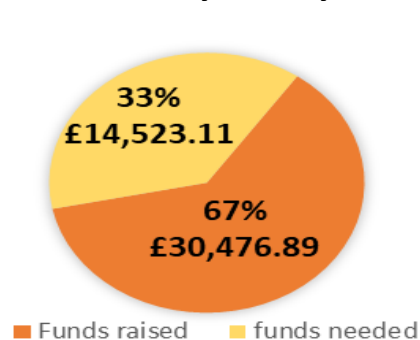
Young people, are you interested to find out about Southwark Catholic Youth Service?

In readiness for Lent, young people from around the Diocese have been sharing how they plan to mark Lent 2022. These pledges are being shared daily via social media in the week leading up to Ash Wednesday. In addition to their regular posts reflecting on the day's Gospel or feast day, throughout Lent SCYS social media will be releasing regular video reflections. You can find out more by following Southwark Catholic Service Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

Look us up on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

Divine Renovation: What is God saying to the Church? Divine Renovation invite everyone to join their in-person Watch Party, virtually joining Bishop Robert Barron, Revd. Nicky Gumbel, and Fr. James Mallon for a conversation on What is God Saying to the Church? This will take place on Tuesday 1st March, 2022, 5:45 PM at London Jesuit Centre. The event at the London Jesuit centre will enable people to have access to speakers virtually, but benefit from the interest of in-person gathering and discussion. The event is being hosted by Catholic Voices and Divine Renovation UK. Spaces are limited so early registration is encouraged. Please email daisy.vanderputt@divinerenovation.org for further information

Thatch Fund: £45,000.00 Target to reach in 2023 Thankyou for your £1 a Week donation



You may deposit your £1 in the Thatch Fund Boxes at the back of the church OR set up a £4 monthly standing order or annual

£52 standing order at Nat West **Account RCAS Hartley. Account number 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.**

Offertory Collections: *If you are a tax payer please would you consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme?* You can: (i) Set up a Bank Standing Order (ii) Use Weekly Envelopes (iii) Cash/Cheque payable to RCAS Hartley (iv) Online Offertory donations to the Parish (v) **JustGiving** www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-SalesHartley online donation

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 would be published in the Newsletter and names are written in the special frame 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: Please download a copy from the parish website or take a copy from the porch, fill it in and return it to the parish office or when you come to Mass.

Application Forms: For Youth Choir/Welcomer/Reader/Altar Server are available in the porch and on the parish website

Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

Our 2nd Collection today is for The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark providing care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health ensuring a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million.

Call to Repentance - Saturday, 26th March at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be live streamed for those not able to join us in person, but who would like to take part. It will also be available afterwards on YouTube channel. Further information can be found: Mission Millions 2022 – Voice for Justice

From Our Lady of Hartley School: Thank you for bearing with us during the power failure earlier this week and for once again supporting your child with their home learning. We now look forward to better weather and lots of creative learning during term 4. For more details on our school Visit <https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/>

Safeguarding: If you are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm, in the first instance, please dial 999 in case of an emergency or otherwise contact our **Parish Safeguarding Representative Mrs Victoria Foley: hartleysg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk 07966 538458.**

Prayer Resources: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/>

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

We pray with our Holy Father Pope Francis for his intention in FEBRUARY: *for all religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.'*

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

Saturday 26th February Morning: Feria/Blessed Virgin Mary	No Morning Mass 4.30pm-5.20pm 5.00pm-5.30pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass of Sunday	5.30pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 27th February 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	08.00am-08.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
	08.30am	Mass: Mr Jerry Aikins, recently deceased.
2nd Collection: Clergy Support Fund	09.45am-10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Diocesan Collection	10.15am	Mass: Intention of the RCIA Group.(Anne)
Monday 28th February	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 1st March St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast	08.45-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: For peace in Ukraine and Russia (Kate)
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday A Day of Prayer & Abstinence	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass with Distribution of Ashes Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
Thursday 3rd March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Friday 4th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am 7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, private prayer Mass: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5th March Morning: Feria	No Morning Mass 4.30pm-5.20pm 5.00pm-5.30pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Mass of Sunday	5.30pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 6th March First Sunday of Lent (C)	08.00am-08.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
2nd Collection: Health and Safety	08.30am	Mass: For peace in Ukraine and Russia (Kate)
Costs	10.15am	Mass:

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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