Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter

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

6th February 2022

WELCOME: Welcome to everyone joining us today.

If you are attending Mass: Please wear a Face mask, Keep a Social Distance, Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving church. Your consideration for vulnerable parishioners and visitors is greatly appreciated. Please book for Mass online or through the parish office. Thankyou for your ongoing support 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 and Evening Prayer, visit https://www.universalis.com/

Livestreaming Mass: https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley Please pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners.

Livestream Appeal: The cost for 2022 is £1,328.40. We have so far raised £337.75 to meet this year's cost, thankyou for your contributions. To help us meet this year's cost please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Livestream Appeal' - or donate directly through the parish bank account Nat West St. Francis de Sales Acc: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33. If you are a tax payer please use the white Gift Aid Envelopes which are next to the collection basket. Thankyou The adult choir will be singing at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 6th February.

Confirmation Preparation: The next Class will take place on Saturday 12th February, 4pm in the Meeting Room.

RCIA 'Journey in Faith': The next meeting will take place on Monday 7th February at 5.45pm in the Meeting Room.

On Wednesday 9th February our Catholic Women's Circle (CWC) will be meeting from 1.30pm onwards in the parish meeting room. You are warmly invited to join them. Please speak to Margaret Walsh for any further information.

Southwark Marriage & Family Life, in collaboration with **Sycamore,** a programme about the Catholic Faith by Fr Stephen Wang, present *Growing in Faith Together* a follow on course for engaged and married couples. 4 weekly online sessions Saturday mornings from 10.30-11.30am beginning 19th February 2022. **Register aec.rcaos.org.uk/together.**

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission

Our parish response for the Synod has been sent in to the diocese. However, if anyone would like to contribute further to the diocesan input to the national process, the deadline for individual submissions online or by post is 18th February 2022. The addresses are synod@rcaos.org.uk and Synod Submissions, c/o Archbishop's House, 150 St George's Road, London SE1 6HX.

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.

30th World Day for the Sick 2022 on Friday 11th February.

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Our Holy Father Pope Francis has chosen as his theme this year- "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk6:36) Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity. May all the sick, also those living in places and situations of great poverty and marginalization, receive the health care they need, as well as the pastoral care that can help them experience their sickness in union with the crucified and risen Christ.' Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for all the sick.

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. Please attend in person if you are able. Alternatively, please tune in over the livestream. In whatever way you participate, please encourage others to join you.

A retreat for Lent: Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called Saving Grace. Every Wednesday you will receive an email with links to a 25minute video in which our Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for Saving Grace! Sign up to receive the materials directly here: http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz

'COME TO ME' The Southwark Charismatic Team have arranged for their 'COME TO ME' healing day at St George's Cathedral to be livestreamed between 10am—4.45pm on Saturday 19th February. All are welcome in person or online: https://youtu.be/CgKprvdHDbg To attend in person register in advance on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwark-archdiocese-catholic-renewal-day-of-he-tickets-194027681017

'A Lifeline for Marriage' RETROUVAILLE have organised an online weekend programme for couples experiencing marriage difficulties. Whether this is due to the stress of the pandemic or demands of daily life, *Retrouvialle* seeks to help couples overcome their differences and start again. The retreat will take place between 3-6 March 2022, all couples are welcome. For further details email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or telephone +44 788 729 6983. Confidentiality is assured.

200 Club: January Draw Prize Winners: Lucy Meson
Number 13: 1st Prize £50. Number 97: 2nd prize £12.50
Membership is open. Draws take place on the last Sunday
of each month, after the 8.30am Mass. Information,
Membership Forms and Rules are available in the church
porch or you can download copies from our parish website.

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

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

34% £14,915.86

£30,084.14

■ Funds raised ■ funds needed

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 Acc no. 34363181 Sort

Code 60-06-33. Thankyou

You may deposit your £1 in the

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

de-SalesHartley Contact the parish office for any assistance. **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: Please download a DATABASE FORM, 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.

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

We pray with Pope Francis for his intention in FEBRUARY 2022: Religious sisters and consecrated women 'We pray for 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.'

Safeguarding: 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 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 and Confessions ALL SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley

Saturday 5th February Morning: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr, Memorial Mass of Sunday	No Morning Mass 4.30pm-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:
Sunday 6th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Collection: Area Bishop Fund (offset)	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 09.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: People of the Parish Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Monday 7th February	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 8th February Feria/St. Jerome/St Josephine Bakhita	08.45-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: For all Victims of Trafficking
Wednesday 9th February Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Thursday 10th February St. Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Friday 11th February Feria OR Our Lady of Lourdes	08.45-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: For all Sick people and their families.
Saturday 12th February Morning: Feria/The Blessed Virgin Mary Mass of Sunday	No Morning Mass 4.30pm-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 13th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day 2nd Collection: CARJ		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer for Racial Justice in our schools, parishes & wider society

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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