

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter March 13th 2022

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WELCOME: everyone joining us today for Mass.

If you are attending Mass: *Please continue to book for Mass, wear a face mask and sanitise your hands. The Right hand side of the church is reserved for parishioners who have requested social distancing. Thanks for your consideration.*

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/>

Our Adult Choir will sing at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 19th March.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Barbara Driscoll, who died on 28th February.

Visitation: If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like Fr. Patrick to pay a visit, please speak with Fr Patrick or contact the parish office and pass on your details.

RCIA Scrutinies: This weekend we begin a series of 3 short rites known as the Scrutinies, which take place during the 10.15 am Mass. Following a service at the cathedral last Saturday, when they were called forth by the Archbishop, those following the journey in faith (RCIA) are now known as the elect. At our Mass this Sunday, and on the following two Sundays, the elect will be called forward individually, we will be asked to support them with our prayers, and Fr. Patrick

will pray over them individually and as a group. Please keep them in your prayers as their journey over the past month culminates in this very special Lenten journey towards the sacraments of Easter.

'Children's Liturgy' for children in Reception Class–Yr2 will begin on Sunday 20th March at the 10.15am Mass. The children will be sent out with the adult leaders to the meeting room to have age appropriate Liturgy of the Word and will return to share what they have learned with the congregation before the Bidding Prayers. Please book for 10.15am Mass **Confirmation 2022:** The next class takes place on Saturday 19th March at 4pm.

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 both Luke 22.14 – 24.12, and John 13.1-15; 18 1–20.9 and note any differences. Please attend in person if you are able to, or you can **watch the Talk online by going to the parish website click <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk> Then simply click 'Livestream' on the website main page.** Please note, you will not be able to access this on the churchservicestv website.

Fridays in Lent Stations of the Cross: at 12 o'clock noon in the church with the children of Our Lady of Hartley School and at 7.30pm - in church and livestreamed. Contact Phil Kerton (Tel. 873802) to find out more or offer to help. This Friday, Kate & Jennifer will lead.

Thankyou to our Youth Choir for singing at Mass last week. New members are very welcome. Parents, please pick up a **Youth Choir Consent Form** in the church porch or download from the parish website & return it to the office. **Consent Forms for Welcomer/ Reader/ Altar Server**, are also available in the porch & on the parish website 'Noticeboard' Please sign & return the form to the office.

First Holy Communion 2022: Parents who are parishioners of this parish, and whose children are in school Year 3 or above, 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 Noticeboard section and should be returned by 31st March 2022. Applications received after this date may not be accepted.

Parish Pastoral Council: *'Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th March. Parishioners who have any matters they wish to be raised at the meeting, please email Chris Pieroni at hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk or put it in writing 'FAO Chris Pieroni' to the parish office.'*

CAFOD FAST DAY was on Friday 11th March. Donations will be collected at our 3 weekend Masses preferably using CAFOD envelopes that enable you to claim Gift Aid for CAFOD – or donate online: <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/> You can donate £10 by texting CAFOD10 to 70580. Your donation could provide a family with food, water, shelter and a way to earn a living & possibly lift themselves out of poverty.



You can give Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine by scanning the QR code to donate through Cafod to Disaster Emergency Committee

From Our Lady of Hartley School: Its been a very busy week; the children and staff have been holding a lunchtime Rosary Club as well as leading Stations of the Cross in the church. Thanks to the extremely generous donations of the school and local community for the KAH Ukraine Appeal, we were able to fill two van loads with much needed items for people affected by the tragic situation in Ukraine. On Friday we had a special Six Nations day. All of the classes were allocated a nation and they participated in activities to fully immerse themselves in the culture.

Stewardship and Planned Giving Drive Week 3- Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility: My Parish Commitment. *'Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver'. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship. This weekend there will be an opportunity to a pledge form at the end of mass which is inside the Weekend 3 leaflet. These Pledge Forms will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the Gift Aid declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself. **When you have completed this form please return it to the parish by either posting it in the Post Returned Forms box at the end of next week's Mass, or post to: White Friars, Church Rd, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA38DW. The form can also be emailed to Hartley@rcaos.org.uk**

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church could not continue to be the spiritual centre it is for all of us today. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass. Thank you. **Extra Weekend 1, Weekend 2 and Sharing your Time and Talents leaflets are in the porch if you need a copy.**

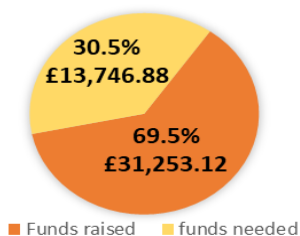
Donation Box for Gravesend Foodbank: Please place non perishable foods and items in the Food Bank Box situated in the porch. Thankyou

Seeking Sanctuary: Donations of toiletries, hats gloves, warm clothing, can be left in the blue box which is in the meeting room. Thankyou

Young people, are you interested to find out about Southwark Catholic Youth Service? SCYS look us up on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

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.

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



You may deposit your £1 in one of 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.**

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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

St. Francis de Sales 200 Club: Membership is open for Information, Rules, Membership Forms are available in the church or download from the parish website.

This year's World Day of Prayer was a very enjoyable ecumenical event. £140 was raised for the world wide causes supported by the organisation. And £65 for Ukraine which will be doubled by the U.K Government. Thank you to all who attended and contributed

Saint Patrick's Day 17th March, falls on Thursday next week. There will be coffee and cakes after Mass to celebrate.

'The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Monday 14

March and 12.00 noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. **Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign.** The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions, or assistance please ring 020 7592 1856. Thankyou'. *Andrew Hollingsworth, Community Fundraiser.*

Missio: Let's think outside the Box!

Unfortunately, it is no longer possible for your Red Box to be brought to or collected from here at the church. If you would like to make your Missio donation for 2022 please send a cheque payable to Missio-Mill Hill and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU or Give online: Go to missio.org.uk/redbox.

Darenth Valley Hospital: Fr Pat Zammit is the RC Chaplain at Darenth Valley hospital. It is essential 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 click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvqkVtIKUek>

Wintershall will once again be performing Passion of Jesus Christ live in Trafalgar Square

Two performances will take place on Good Friday, 15th April 2022 at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. This is a free open air performance and all are welcome. Tickets are not required. For those unable to attend in person, it will still be possible to watch a live-stream on the play.

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 intentions for Mass would be published in the Newsletter & names are written in the special frame by Our Lady's Shrine.

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.

If you or a loved one are celebrating a **Special Occasion, Birthday, Anniversary** please let Fr Patrick know so we can pray for you as a community.

Baptism for babies and infants: Please speak with 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.

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

Please continue to pray the **Holy Rosary** during Lent for peace in Ukraine, for all those who are fleeing war and for an end to their suffering. **Pray the Rosary online:**

<https://www.therosary.online/>

Pray Hail Mary with the Ukrainian people: <https://soundcloud.com/catholicchurch/hail-mary-ukrainian>

Read *The Secret of the Rosary* free at https://www.virgosacrata.com/files/ebook/Secret_of_the_Rosary.pdf

Morning prayer: Eternal Father, I offer you everything I do this day – my thoughts, works, joys and sufferings. Grant that, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and united to Jesus in the Eucharist, my life this day may be of service to you and to others. And with Mary and the whole Church I pray especially for the Pope’s intention for the month of March for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may we continue to defend the dignity of all human life with our prayers and actions.

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>



Tea, Coffee and Juice will be available after Mass in the Meeting Room, all are welcome



Saturday 12th March Morning: Feria	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:
Mass of Sunday		
Sunday 13th March Second Sunday of Lent (C) 2nd Collection: Cafod Lent Fast Day	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: People of the Parish Mass: The Intention of the RCIA Elect
Monday 14th March	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 15th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass: 7.30pm-9.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Wellbeing and continued health of the Deol family (Ravi) Lenten Talk with Fr John Deehan in the church. You are invited to attend in person or view online: https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m
Wednesday 16th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Barbara Driscoll, recently deceased (Carol)
Thursday 17th March St. Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Friday 18th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am 12 noon 7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, private prayer Mass: Stations of the Cross with school children of OLOH Stations of the Cross
Saturday 19th March Morning: St. Joseph, Spouse of BMV Patron of the Universal Church 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 20th March Third Sunday of Lent (C) 2nd Collection: Easter Flowers	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Colin Toulson, deceased, Anniversary (Karen) Mass: Denis Ismayil, recently deceased (Teresa)

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