

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter March 20th 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/>

Confirmation 2022: The next class takes place on Saturday 19th March at 4pm.

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

Please pray for the Repose of the soul of Hilda Sweeney, who died on the 9th March 2022 aged 99 years. Hilda's Requiem Mass will take place here on Monday 28th March at 11.00am. Hilda's daughter, Mary, hopes that as many as who wish to, will be able to attend her funeral and join the family in celebration of Hilda's life.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Denis Ismayil, recently deceased, and Christina Okoli, whose 2nd Anniversary occurs on 20th March.

Please pray for all our sick & housebound parishioners and those who are in hospital.

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.

Meeting for Youth Group Leaders will take place on Saturday 26th March at 4pm in the church meeting room.

RCIA Scrutinies: This weekend we continue with the 2nd of 3 short rites known as the Scrutinies, which takes place during the 10.15 am Mass. When they were called forth by the Archbishop at the cathedral, those following the journey in faith (RCIA) are now known as **The Elect**. Again at our Mass this Sunday, 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 begins this 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 Offertory. Please book for 10.15am Mass

Parish Lenten Talk: Thanks to Fr. John Deehan for his visit and Lenten Talk on Tuesday 15th March. If you missed it, click here to watch the recording <https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>

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. John & Anna will lead on 25th March.

Youth Choir: If your child would like to join

the choir, please pick up a **Consent Form** in the church porch or download from the parish website & return it to the office. **Welcomer/Reader/Altar Server** Consent Forms are also available in the porch & on the parish website 'Noticeboard' Please sign & return the form.

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.

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. Thank you for last weekend's donations. You can still donate by post, using CAFOD envelopes that enable CAFOD to claim Gift Aid – or you can donate on-line via <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/> or give £10 by texting CAFOD10 to 70580.

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE enables agencies in and near Ukraine to prepare to support families who are in dire need of help and of prayers. **You can donate to this appeal on-line here:** <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

Please continue to pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine and an end to all wars.

From Our Lady of Hartley School: After celebrating a sunny St. Patrick's day, we welcomed fantastic Fred into school this week - a fun and interactive live performance to teach the children how to look after their own mental health. The programme is designed to inform equip and build resilience. It delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health.

Visit <https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/>

Stewardship and Planned Giving Drive: Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility.

"...for who am I and what is my people, for us to be able to volunteer offerings like this? – since everything comes from you and we have given you only what you bestowed in the first place." - 1 Chronicles 29: 14-16

Over the last three weeks we have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving- how we can all belong to and help sustain this living parish for ourselves and for future generations. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what we contribute to our parish in terms of time, talents, and treasures.

Thank you for listening each week, and to those who have already decided how to participate going forward, thank you for returning the Volunteer and Pledge Forms, we are very grateful and will be contacting you presently.

If you are new to the parish, or have missed any leaflets, there are copies on the table in the porch. Please let us know if you would like forms sent to you in the post or by email.

Please return all forms to the parish either by dropping them into the Post Returned Forms Box when you come to Mass, or post to: White Friars, Church Rd, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA38DW. You can also download the forms from the parish website, and return them online to the office at Hartley@rcaos.org.uk. Your personal information will remain private and confidential and will only be used for the purpose stated on the Form.

For any donations you make to the parish, if you pay UK income tax, please sign a Gift Aid Declaration Form so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself.

All Bank Standing Order and Online Offertory donors can also donate to 2nd Collection & Special Collection Donations, either online, or if you wish to use envelopes, please ask and you will receive a number to refer to any donations, allowing us claim Gift Aid. If you have any questions, or indeed any suggestions you would like to offer, please do let us know. *Thank you for your participation and support.*

Our Catholic Women's Circle (CWC) next social gathering is on Wednesday 6th April between 2-4pm in the meeting room. Please do come along for a chat and some tea and cake. We will have a visit from a Nutritionist willing to give a short talk on nutrition in older years and to answer questions. All are welcome

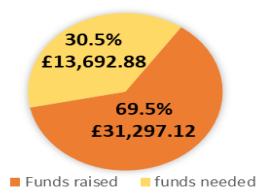
Donation Box for Gravesend Foodbank Please place non perishable foods and items in the Food Bank Box situated in the porch. Thankyou

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

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.

Please note, our parish Nat West Bank Account has been renamed RCAS Hartley

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 **RCAS Hartley**. Acc. **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

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. **Our March Draw will take place after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 27th.**

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 SW1V1NU. Give online: 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>

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Lady on Friday, 25th March, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord ('Lady Day') This act of consecration will be performed in communion with the local Churches throughout the world, and so at 4pm (London time) that same day, Archbishop John will lead our archdiocese in prayer, and himself preside at a service of consecration followed by a 'Rosary for Peace' in St George's Cathedral. *This celebration will be livestreamed on the RC Southwark YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1> For more information visit: [Pope to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to Immaculate Heart of Mary - Vatican News](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-news/news/pope-to-consecrate-russia-and-ukraine-to-immaculate-heart-of-mary-2022-03-25)*

8.30am Refreshments after Mass: Margaret & Liz have been providing refreshments at the 8.30am Mass for many years, many thanks to them both. However they feel the need to take a well earned rest. We are now looking for volunteers to take this over and perhaps form a rota. The tea, coffee etc are provided- we just need people to set it up before Mass, heat the water and then serve after Mass. Please speak to Kate (steward) if you can help.

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.**

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.

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

Baptism for babies and infants: Please attend weekend Mass and speak with Fr. Patrick afterwards 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>

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.*

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 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: For 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) Christina Okoli, deceased, 2nd Anniversary (Emily)
Monday 21st March	No Mass	
Tuesday 22nd March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Wednesday 23rd March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Thursday 24th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Friday 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity. <i>Consecration of Russia to Our Lady</i>	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 26th March Morning: 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 27th March Fourth Sunday of Lent C Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday 2nd Collection: For Easter Flowers	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Mass: People of the Parish

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