

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter March 27th 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/>

**A Happy Mothering Sunday to all our mothers.**

**Hart Magazine** Fr Patrick has written an article for April's edition of the Hart. You will find some copies in the porch or speak to Carol Wilton.

**Our Adult Choir** will sing next Sunday, 3rd April. at the 10.15am Mass. Congregational singing will take place in church either choir is singing.

**Please pray for the Repose of the soul of Hilda Sweeney.** Her Requiem Mass takes 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 the family invite you to join them at Redlibbets Golf Club, Manor Lane, Ash, afterwards.

**Please pray for** the repose of the souls of Margaret Williams (née Farragher) a former parishioner who died recently, and Anne Barry who died recently and whose funeral will take place here on Wednesday 6th April at 12.15pm. Please offer your support by attending the Mass

**Please pray for the well being of** Digna Quigley and Pat Brown and for our sick and housebound parishioners & those in hospital.

**Visitation:** If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like Fr. Patrick to visit, please speak with Fr Patrick or contact the parish office and give us the necessary details.

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

**'Children's Liturgy' for children in Reception Class—Yr2 takes place 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 remember to book for Mass.

**RCIA Scrutinies:** This weekend, during the 10.15 Mass, we celebrate the final scrutiny for those adults who have for some months been preparing to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The elect will again be called forward individually, and we will be asked to support them with our prayers. Fr. Patrick will then pray over them individually and as a group. Please keep them in your prayers in this the final stage of their journey towards the sacraments of Easter.

**RCIA Meeting:** Our next meeting will be this coming Monday, 28th March in the meeting room at the usual time, starting at 6 pm.

**St. Francis de Sales 200 Club March Draw will take place Sunday 27th after 8.30am Mass Membership is still open for this Draw-just**

**contact Kate or Tina.** For subsequent Draws, you'll find Membership Forms, Rules, and info in the church porch or on the parish 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. Tony & Dan will lead on 1st April.

**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.

**Preparation for the children will begin on Sunday 1st May in Our lady of Hartley School.** Please drop your child off promptly at 9.30am and pick them up again from the school after the 10.15am Mass.

**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 when you come to Mass or drop at the parish office.

Parents of young people who are interested in to being a **Welcomer/Reader/Altar Server,** Consent Forms are also available in the porch & on the parish website 'Noticeboard' Please sign & return the form to the parish office.

**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

**From Our Lady of Hartley School:** We have made the most of the glorious spring sunshine this week with the children enjoying a variety of outdoor activities including expert tuition in tennis and cricket, even a trip to the Kent Life Centre. We look forward to more good weather as the Easter holidays approach. Visit us at <https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/>

**OUR PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place on **Thursday 7th April at 7pm.**

There will be an opportunity for individual Confession. Fr Michael Leach, a diocesan priest, will join Fr Patrick for the service.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST FRANCIS DE SALES**

**9th/10th April** Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord: 5.30pm, Sun 8.30am, 10.15am

**14th April:** Maundy Thursday: 7.00pm.

**15th April Good Friday :** 3.00pm

**16th April** The Easter Vigil: 7.00pm

**17th April** Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10.15am

**Reading at Holy Week Services–** Please can all readers who are on the weekend rota contact the parish office as soon as they can on their availability to read during Holy Week and Easter –From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Any parishioners who are not on the rota but who perhaps read at Masses during the week are also welcome to add their name to the list.

**Preparation for Easter** In order to help the parish to prepare for the most holy time of year Fr. John Deehan gave a Lenten Talk in our church on 15th March, which can still be viewed by clicking on <https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>.

**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 for an end to all wars.**

**The Parish Council met on Thursday 24th March and many points were discussed.** As it is a very important event in our Church Calendar that we have missed in the past two Pandemic Years, we have great pleasure to announce that we will be having a Fete this year, either at the beginning of July or in September. Obviously, we will be looking for many Volunteers to organize and run Stalls for the Fete but the most important and urgent point is to find a Fete Co-Ordinator and Vice Co-Ordinator to run, plan and prepare the Fete together as without this a Fete cannot happen. It is at least a 2-person job and preferably someone with

children or links to Our Lady of Hartley school would be great. So if you are willing to take up this position, speak to Fr Patrick or contact the Parish Office and leave your details. Likewise, if you know one or more people who might fit the role, ask them to contact the Parish Office. Thanking you in advance of a positive response.

**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

**8.30am Refreshments after Mass:** If you can help, we need people to set things out before Mass, heat the water and help serve after Mass. Please speak to Kate (steward) if you can help.

**Messy Easter event craft morning** for children on Saturday April 9th 11am - 1 pm in All Saints Church Centre Ash Road Hartley

**A Passover Supper evening** on Saturday 9th April 6.30pm in Our Lady of Hartley school Hall, recreating the Jewish family ceremonial meal at which the events of the Passover are remembered and celebrated. Please bring your own glasses & finger food to share Contact carolwilton0@gmail.com

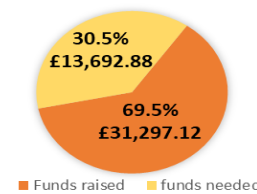
**St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP):** 'We are a small group of people who offer confidential support through phone calls, house visits, accompanying people to local medical/dental appointments. We also offer financial support to struggling families. Please contact us through the parish office.

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

**Synod Listening Sessions in Hartley.** There are copies of the parish report near the entrance door for those who may like to see the outcome of these Sessions. A diocesan synthesis of all parish reports will be made public during July.

**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.

**Please note, the name of our parish Nat West Bank Account has been renamed RCAS Hartley Please use for all bank references thankyou.**



**Thatch Fund: £45,000.00**  
**Target to reach in 2023**  
**Thankyou for making 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.**

### **PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AIDED DONATIONS**

***If you are a tax payer please consider joining others who have returned the Pledge Forms and are raising extra income for the parish by donating via the Gift Aid Scheme***

**You can:** (i) Set up a Bank Standing Order  
(ii) Donate Online (iii) Use Weekly Envelopes  
(iv) Cash/Cheque payable to RCAS Hartley  
(v) Donate directly using our *JustGivingPage* [www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-SalesHartley](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-SalesHartley)

### **USING ENVELOPES FOR 2nd COLLECTIONS:**

The parish can also claim Gift Aid on some 2nd Collections. For those who have recently pledged to donate by Bank Standing Order or Online, next weekend you will be issued a box of envelopes and a number to refer to for all 2nd Collections, Easter, Christmas, and Special Collection Donations. Some Standing Order and Online donors will already have been given an envelope number (200 onwards) from the time you changed payment method and some will still have the same number (1-100) from when you first donated by envelope - **this number is unique to you- we will send you a reminder.**

If you have any queries, please contact the parish office. Thank you for all your support

**The Knights of St Columba** have produced a new recruitment video. Please click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvqkVtIKUek>

**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 for the necessary advice and guidance on how to proceed.

**Register you and your family on the 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** 

<b>Saturday 26th March</b> Morning: Feria	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 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
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>		
<b>Sunday 27th March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent C</b> <b>Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday</b> <b>2nd Collection: For Easter Flowers</b>	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: For all Mothers in our parish. Mass: Hilda Sweeney, recently deceased (Angela)
<b>Monday 28th March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Hilda Elizabeth Sweeney
<b>Tuesday 29th March</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Digna Quigley, wellbeing (Angela)
<b>Wednesday 30th March</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
<b>Thursday 31st March</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
<b>Friday 1st April</b> 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
<b>Saturday 2nd April</b> Morning: Feria	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 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:
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>		
<b>Sunday 3rd April</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent C</b> <b>2nd Collection: Towards new hot water cylinder at White Friars £750</b>	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Richard Gaughan, deceased (Yvonne)

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