

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter March 6th 2022



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WELCOME: everyone joining us today for Mass.

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, on Saturdays from 10.00am for private prayer, on Sundays from 07.45am.

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.

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.

Our Youth Choir will be singing at the 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, just come along on Saturday at 4pm.**

Parents, if you have not already done so, please pick up a Youth Choir Consent Form in the church porch or download from the parish website & return it to the office. Thankyou

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

RCIA Meetings: The next RCIA meeting will be on next Monday, 7th March, in the meeting room at 5.45pm for 6pm start. Fr. Patrick will be talking about the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), and it is very important that those on the RCIA programme attend if at all possible.

Confirmation: The next class takes place on Saturday 12th March at 4pm in the church Meeting Room.

Catholic Women's Circle: The next meeting of the CWC will be held on **WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH, 1.45pm for 2pm start.** All are warmly welcome for tea, cake and chat. We will be joined by the local Community Warden - Jackie - who will update us on what services are available and on up coming events in the area. Jackie will be giving us the benefit of her time and knowledge and it would be very encouraging to have a good number of people attending. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 9th March. *Margaret Walsh*

From Our Lady of Hartley School: This week we celebrated World Book Day 2022 with the children and staff enjoying a variety of activities across the school and sharing their love of reading. Well done to all for some amazing and colourful costumes— we were visited by a host of characters, including harry Potter and The Tiger that came for Tea! For more about our school, visit **<https://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/>**

First Holy Communion 2022: Parents of children who are parishioners of this parish, and who are in school Yr 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. If you are not parishioners of this parish, please do not submit an application form, but please first speak to the parish priest in your own parish about the preparation programmes available for your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

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, just as you would for Mass.

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. At 7.30pm we will use a variety of 20th and 21st century meditations upon Christ's Passion and Death. There is still a need for volunteers to take a turn at leading these devotions on a couple of Fridays: contact Phil Kerton (Tel. 873802) to find out more or offer to help. This Friday, Carol and William will lead the devotion.

200 Club: Congratulations to the February Draw Winners: 1st Prize £50.00 no. 69 P. Welch, 2nd Prize £12.50 no. 77 W. Page. Membership is still open: Information, Rules, Membership Forms are available in the church porch or download from the parish website.

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. To sign up to receive the weekly videos on Wednesdays, click <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility. Stewardship & Planned Giving: Weekend Two Our Parish Our Responsibility

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Stewardship and Planned Giving Appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully reflect** on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, be it your gift of time, talent or financial blessings, mindful of your personal circumstances.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

Our goal is to inform you so that everyone concerned can reach an informed decision.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass to help.

Extra Weekend One and **Sharing your Time and Talents** Leaflets are in the porch if you need one
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.

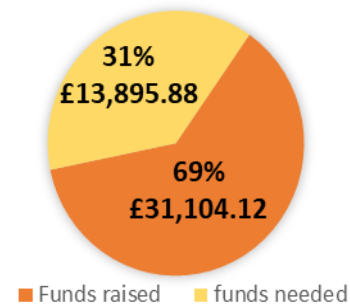
Young people, are you interested to find out about Southwark Catholic Youth Service?

Young people around the Diocese have been sharing how they plan to mark Lent 2022. These pledges are being shared daily via social media, In addition, SCYS media will be releasing regular video reflections. To find out more about 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. 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

Change of Name for our Bank Account: Please note the Diocese has changed our Bank Account name since 1st March. We no longer write 'St. Francis de Sales' on cheques etc **Our parish Account is now called RCAS Hartley.**

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 in the Noticeboard section.

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 **'Caritas Ukraine' has helped nearly 826,500 people affected by the humanitarian crisis** since the beginning of the war in 2014. Its work is crucial especially for the most vulnerable people, such as the elderly and children, who receive assistance even in the conflict areas. If you would like to donate, to use bank transfer: Bank: Unicredit S.p.A. Address: Via della Conciliazione 11b – ROMA Beneficiary: Caritas Internationalis Address: Palazzo San Calisto, 00120 Vatican City IBAN: IT10C 02008 05008 000400406198 BIC / SWIFT: UNCRITM1B88 Payment Details: Ukraine Appeal Please email donations@caritas.va to receive more information.

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.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the Health and Care Bill abortion amendment. To contact your MP now visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat It only takes two minutes. Thank you

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.

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>

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

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 and Coffee will be available after Mass in the Meeting Room



Saturday 5th 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: Intentions of the RCIA Group
Mass of Sunday		
Sunday 6th March First Sunday of Lent (C) 2nd Collection: Health and Safety Costs	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: For peace in Ukraine and Russia (Kate) Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 28th February	No Mass	Feria
Tuesday 8th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Wednesday 9th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Thursday 10th March Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
Friday 11th March Feria Cafod Fast Day	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 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: Wellbeing and continued health of the Deol family (Ravi)
Mass of Sunday		
Sunday 13th March Second Sunday of Lent (C) 2nd Collection: Cafod Lent Day	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: Mass: People of the Parish

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.

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