

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter April 17th 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 righthand side of the church is reserved for parishioners who have requested social distancing. Thanks for your consideration.*

Refreshments in the meeting room after Mass

The Church is Open: Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 08.45am- 4.00pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am for private prayer.

For Daily and Sunday Mass Readings, Morning Evening Prayer: <https://www.universalis.com/>

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 convenient to you. **No Confessions on Saturday 16th April.**

Congratulations Charisma, Lucy, Maria, Assam, Samuel, Charlotte, Charmaine, Helene, Rebecca and Zara who are all receiving Sacraments of the Church at the Easter Vigil. May God bless them.

'Children's Liturgy' for children in YR-Yr2 takes place this Sunday 17th April at 10.15am Mass.

Children will be sent out with their leader for an age appropriate Liturgy of the Word & re-join us before the Offertory, to share what they learnt.

Our Adult Choir will sing and at the Easter Vigil. Congregational singing will take place in church any time the Adult and Youth choirs are singing.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Digna Quigley who died recently, and for Rommel Bernarte, on the 2nd Anniversary of his death.

Please pray for the well being of Carol Beatley, Pat Brown, and for all our housebound and sick parishioners, in hospital or at home, and for their families and carers.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST FRANCIS DE SALES

16th April The Easter Vigil: 7.00pm

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17th April Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10.15am

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1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Resp Psalm 117 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence. Gospel : John 20:1-9

Our Collection this weekend is our Easter Offering gift to the parish priest. Donations can be placed in the Easter Envelopes which are in the church porch. If you contribute by Standing Order, you can donate directly to the parish bank account. If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to Gift Aid your donation, or add your Gift Aid number. Thankyou for your kindness and support.

New carpet in the church: On behalf of every one in the parish, we say a very great Thankyou to the Assam family for donating our beautiful new carpet, including all the labour costs, and to Assam for deep cleaning the porch roof and paving outside the church.

Retreat: Father Patrick will be on retreat from Thursday 21st April until Sunday 1st May. Fr. Joe Smith will celebrate the week day Masses and Fr Dennis Bukenya C.S.Sp will celebrate Masses the weekend of 1st May.

Mission Appeal by The Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) will take place next weekend, 23rd/24th April. We will welcome Fr Melaku who will be celebrating our three weekend Masses. May we generously support the work of their Mission.

Our Parish Confirmation Mass is on Sunday 8th May at 10.15am. We pray for our young candidates who are preparing to be confirmed **Mgr Canon John O'Toole, the Episcopal Vicar for Kent**, will be retiring at Easter. We are very grateful and have been blessed by Mgr Canon O'Toole's ministry to us in our parish and to the clergy, people and parishes throughout Kent. May the Lord bless him and remain close to him in this next stage in his priestly ministry **Fr. Victor Darlington** will take up the role of Episcopal Vicar for the South East area in September this year.

Via Lucis - The Stations of the Resurrection

This devotion (similar to the Stations of the Cross, but linked to events between the Resurrection & Pentecost) will be celebrated on Friday at 7.30pm. Phil & Barbara will lead.

New Parish Youth Group: Thankyou to Niamh Harlow, and our Youth Group Leaders, Ellie Smith, Ryan Baloga and Adult support Laura Bourne, Louise Morriss & Ryan Fernandes for introducing themselves at Mass last weekend.

Youth Group Consent Forms are available in the church & on the parish website for parents to download, sign and return. Thankyou

Visitation: If you or someone in your family is housebound and a visit, please speak with Fr Patrick or contact the parish office.

Bereavement Support Group: If you are feeling lonely or bereft, especially after the death of a loved one, we have a small and friendly group here at St. Francis de Sales whose members can visit you to meet up and chat or maybe just to lend a listening ear. Please contact Fr. Patrick in the first instance and he will put you in touch with us.

First Holy Communion 2022: All Application Forms should have been returned to the parish office for parishioners wishing to register their child for FHC Preparation Classes **Preparation for the children will begin on Sunday 1st May at 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School** Please drop your child off promptly and pick them up again from the school after 10.15am Mass Thankyou

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 email/drop off a copy to 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.

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.

Good Friday Collection for The Holy Places: *You may still leave your contribution this weekend thankyou. To learn more about this, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday*

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 confidential financial support to struggling families. Please contact us through the parish office'.

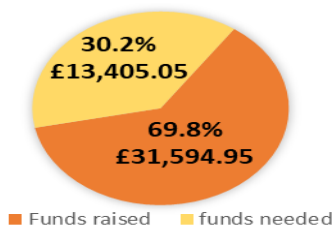
Darenth Valley Hospital: Fr Pat Zammit is the RC Chaplain at Darenth Valley hospital. It is essential that patients' families make their catholicity clearly known to hospital authorities

Reading Acts in Easter— CBCEW podcasts

Listen to the 'Acts of the Apostles' read throughout the season of Easter. Starting on Easter Monday, we begin Luke's account of the early church after Christ's Resurrection. The book of Acts records the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome. You can listen to all 28 chapters, one-a-day from Monday to Saturday, taken from the English Standard Version of the Bible. Listen here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/reading-acts-in-easter>

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

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

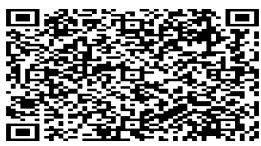
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PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AIDED DONATIONS

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 at our *Justgiving Page*

www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley



OR Just open up the camera on your smart phone and point it at this screen and it'll take you directly to the page.

For anyone who is visiting the Church or wanting to make a One-Off Donation, please use the One-Off Donation white envelopes available in the Porch. Thankyou

St. Francis de Sales 200 Club: The April Draw will take place after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 24th April. Membership for this draw is still open. To join up, you'll find Membership Forms, Rules, and information in the church porch or on the parish website. Speak to Tina or Kate to find out more.

Please can we ask that you Register yourself and your family on the 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. Thankyou

The Knights of St Columba would like to increase their membership in parishes and have produced a new recruitment video. To watch click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvqkVtIKUek> To learn more about the Knights in our parish, contact the parish office for contact details.

Sharing my Time and Talents - Thankyou to everyone who has either newly volunteered or renewed their commitment to help in the parish. We will be in touch with you all soon.

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 one of the weekend Masses and speak with Fr. Patrick afterwards. He will give the necessary advice and guidance on how to proceed.

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 for April: for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.*

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@safeguardraos.org.uk** 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>

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

Saturday 16th April
Morning: Holy Saturday

The Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell and waiting his Resurrection

Saturday 16th April
Morning: Holy Saturday
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

The Season of Easter

7.00pm The Easter Vigil: All those receiving Sacraments. The 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday.' The first 8 days of easter constitute the Octave of Easter.

Collection: Easter Offering

Sunday 17th April
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Collection: Easter Offering

08.00am-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
 08.30am Mass: Rommel Bernarte, Deceased, 2nd Anniversary
 10.15am Mass: People of the parish

Monday 18th April
Monday within the Octave of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday 19th April
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
 09.30am Mass: Well-being of Carole Beatley

Wednesday 20th April
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
 09.30am Mass: Digna Quigley, Deceased (Angela)

Thursday 21st April
Thursday within the Octave of Easter

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
 09.30am Mass:

Friday 22nd April
Friday within the Octave of Easter

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
 09.30am Mass:

Saturday 23rd April
Saturday within the Octave of Easter

No Morning Mass Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am
 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions
 5.00pm-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament private prayer

Mass of Sunday

5.30pm Mass:

Sunday 24th April
Second Sunday of Easter (C)
Divine Mercy Sunday
2nd Collection: Mission Appeal by The Comboni Missionaries

08.00am-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
 08.30am Mass: People of the Parish
 10.15am Mass:

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