

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter May 1st 2022

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Third Sunday of Easter (C) In the Parish Mass Book, Page 265

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Second Reading: Apocalypse 5: 11-14 Gospel: John 21: 1-19

WELCOME: everyone joining us today for Mass.

If you are attending Mass: Please continue to Signup for Mass, wear a face mask and sanitise your hands. The righthand side of the church is reserved for those who require social distancing. Thankyou for your consideration. Please join us in the meeting room after Mass for refreshments.

The Church is Open: Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 08.45am-4.00pm; Saturdays from 10.00am.

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 that is convenient to you.

Congratulations to Jon & Judi Stephens, celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 1st May.

Our thanks to Fr. Joe for celebrating Masses this week and Fr Dennis Bukenya C.S.Sp. for celebrating Mass on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May.

Our Second Collection this weekend is for the maintenance of Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of our diocese.

'Children's Liturgy' for children in YR-Yr2 incl. takes place this Sunday 1st May at 10.15am Mass. Children are sent out with the Leader for an age appropriate Liturgy of the Word, in the meeting room. They will re-join us before the Offertory and share with us what they've learned.

Our Adult Choir will sing at the 5.30pm Mass this Saturday 30th April. On Saturday 7th May, there will be Congregational singing during the parish pilgrimage and at the 5.30pm Mass afterwards.

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

First Holy Communion Preparation begins on Sunday 1st May at 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School. Please drop your child off promptly and collect from the school after 10.15am Mass. The FHC children will be joining the Youth choir to sing at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 8th May. Again, please drop your child off at 9.30am in the school.

First Holy Communion Meeting with parents will take place immediately after the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 8th May.

Our Parish Confirmation Mass will take place on Sunday 8th May at 10.15am. Canon Luke Smith will be visiting the parish to confirm Isabelle, Niamh, Ruby, Kieran, Richard & Ryan. We pray for them and for Lucila Davis, their Catechist, who has been preparing them for this special day.

Our Youth Choir will be singing at the Confirmation Mass next Sunday 8th May. Please drop your child off at the school promptly at 9.30am. If your child would like to join the choir, please bring them along to the practise next Sunday. Consent Forms are in the church or on parish website, just fill one in & bring it next week.

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Hartley takes place on Saturday 7th May, beginning at 3.30pm, and ending with a period of adoration and the Saturday Vigil Mass. We will sing hymns and join in prayers to ask Our Lady's intercession, especially for peace on our continent. In May, it will 101 years since Pope Benedict XV approved this new title for Our Lady, attaching a plenary indulgence to our shrine for those who visit to pray, especially asking for prayers for peace. Please let us know if you would like to read a prayer or lead a litany or a decade of the rosary.



Frank and Caroline Stanley sent us these photos from The Vatican where they attended the Wednesday Audience with the Holy Father, Pope Francis on 27th April 2022. They told us, *“There are no words to describe how blessed we felt when we met Pope Francis and shook his hand. A day we shall remember for the rest of our lives.”*

Frank was there to represent the International Alliance of Catholic Knights at the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life worldwide International Associations’ Meeting.

New Parish Youth Group: Thankyou to Niamh, and our Youth Group Leaders, Ellie &, Ryan who with Adult Support from Laura, Louise & Ryan will be leading our **Parish Youth Group**. **Consent Forms** are available in the church & on the parish website for parents to download, sign and return.

Parents of young people who are interested in being a Welcomer/Reader/Altar Server, Consent Forms are available in the porch & on the parish website ‘Noticeboard’ Please sign & return the form to 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 first contact Fr. Patrick and he will put you in touch with us.

Mass for new Catholics - Neophytes’ Mass: All those received into the Church at Easter 2022, 2021, 2020 are very warmly invited to this special Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson at St George’s Cathedral: Saturday, 21 May 2022 at 12:30pm This event is especially important as it enables all those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation to gather again, but this time for Mass, to receive Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist together. Godparents, sponsors, relatives, catechists, parishioners, clergy, and friends are also invited to attend.

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

A Concert for Ukraine by The Front Room Singers and friends at Saint Peter and Paul Church, Ash on Saturday 30th April at 7.30pm. FREE entrance. **Retiring collection for the Red Cross Ukraine appeal.** Speak to Carol Wilton for further details.

All are invited to A morning of Prayer and Reflection on Saturday 7th May at the Hartley Church Centre Ash Road . From 9.30 - 1 o'clock.

Please let jayne@rnwkgroup.org.uk if you are attending.

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', 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 Monday to Saturday at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/reading-acts-in-easter>

Sharing my Time and Talents - Parish Fete

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered or renewed their commitment to help in the parish. We are getting in touch with everyone, thankyou.

If you can join with another person to help plan and coordinate our proposed Parish Fete, please do speak with Fr Patrick or the Fete/Fundraising Team: Anna, George or Phil, through the parish council at hartleyppcc@rcaos.org.uk. Thankyou

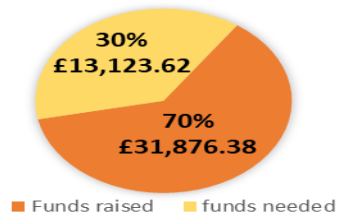
From Our Lady of Hartley School: At springtime, we are reminded how fortunate we are to have such a lovely setting and grounds for our school. This year, we give nature a helping hand as the children in each class plant a sapling in honour of Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, arranged by our wonderful PTA. A big thankyou also to Ms Burton and her team of children for creating a beautiful flowerbed with a freshly painted fence outside the year5/6 classrooms.

Comboni Missionary Rosary Packs and Rosary bead sets are available in the porch. If you would like to have one, kindly leave a donation in one of the envelopes and put it in the basket or send your donation directly using the envelope. Thankyou

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

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 order at:

Nat West RCAS Hartley. Account number 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 to 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 white envelopes in the Porch. Thankyou

St. Francis de Sales 200 Club: April Draw will take place after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 1st May. Membership for the Draw is still open please speak to Tina or Kate before Mass on Sunday morning. Membership Forms, Rules, and information are in the church porch or on the parish website to download.

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.

Mass Intentions: If you would like someone to be prayed for please write the details on a Mass Intentions envelope and post it through the door at White Friars or bring it when you come to Mass. All intentions for Mass would be published in the Newsletter & names are written in the frame at 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 advise you on how to proceed.

Sycamore GIFT course for couples May 2022 runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning 3rd May 2022 and continuing on May 10, 17 and 24th 2022- a new exciting **free ONLINE** course, **for engaged and married couples**, developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team and Sycamore, a programme about the Christian faith by Fr Stephen Wang.

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) consists of four hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together & married couples to enrich their friendship and love. Register at [Growing in Faith Together-Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](http://Growing in Faith Together-Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (rcaos.org.uk))

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 9th at St George's Cathedral 3pm

If you are celebrating 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible, **and no later than May 31st**. Get in touch with us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone. Your names eg John & Mary Smith, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. Looking forward to seeing you in July!

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

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.**

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 May : for Faith-Filled Young People.

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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>



Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Meeting Room, all are welcome



<p>Saturday 30th April Feria/ St. Pius V, Pope</p> <p>Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>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 5.30pm Mass:</p>
<p>Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter 2nd Collection: Maintenance of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Diocesan Collection</p>	<p>08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: Jon and Judith Stephens, celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary 10.15am Mass: People of the parish</p>
<p>Monday 2nd May St. Athanasius, Memorial</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd May Sts Philip and James, Apostles, Feast</p>	<p>08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:</p>
<p>Wednesday 4th May The English Martyrs, Feast</p>	<p>08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:</p>
<p>Thursday 5th May Feria</p>	<p>08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:</p>
<p>Friday 6th May St. John Paine, Priest, Martyr</p>	<p>08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:</p>
<p>Saturday 7th May Feria</p> <p>Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>No Morning Mass Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am 3.30pm-5.00pm Shrine of Our Lady of Hartley Annual Pilgrimage 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish</p>
<p>Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday 2nd Collection: Priest Training Fund. Diocesan Collection</p>	<p>08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: 10.15am Confirmation Mass Intention: Those being Confirmed today Intention: Marie Dunne, Deceased, 3rd Anniversary (Claire, Niamh)</p>

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