

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter April 24th 2022



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To make a Bank Donation: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33

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St. Francis de Sales' Mass Streaming Live: www.churchservices.tv/hartley

Second Sunday of Easter (C) In the Parish Mass Book, Page 262.

First Reading: Acts 5: 12-16 Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19 Gospel: John 20:19-31

WELCOME: everyone joining us today for Mass.

Please do continue to book in for Mass thank you.

If you are attending Mass: Please wear a face mask and sanitise your hands. The righthand side of the church is reserved for those who require social distancing. Thank you 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 book an appointment with the parish priest for a time convenient to you.

Mission Appeal by The Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) takes place this weekend, 23rd/24th April. We welcome Fr Melaku who will be celebrating our Masses. **May we be generous in support of their Mission work in our 2nd Collection**

Father Patrick is on Retreat 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.

'Children's Liturgy' for children in YR-Yr2 incl. takes place this Sunday 24th April 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 what they've learned.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Digna Quigley. Digna's Requiem Mass will take place here on Wednesday 18th May at 11am.

Our Adult Choir will sing at the 5.30pm Mass on

Saturday 30th April. Congregational singing will take place in church when the choirs sing.



Congratulations to Charisma, Lucy, Maria, Assam, Charlotte, Helene, Rebecca, Zara and Samuel, who received the Sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation, at the Easter Vigil on 16th April. May God bless them as they continue on their Journey in Faith.

Sincere gratitude to Anne Inman and Daniel Preston for all their support to the group.

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

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

First Holy Communion Preparation 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. Thank you

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 a variety of 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 contact the parish office if you would like to read a prayer or lead a litany or a decade of the rosary, or to bring cakes or buffet items for visiting pilgrims to enjoy after the event)

New carpet in the church: On behalf of the parish, we say a very great Thankyou to Assam and Charmaine for donating our beautiful new carpet, including all the labour costs.

Our Parish Confirmation Mass takes place on Sunday 8th May at 10.15am. We pray for our six young people who are preparing to be confirmed: Isabelle, Niamh, Ruby, Kieran, Richard & Ryan and for Lucila, their Catechist.

Our Youth Choir will be singing at the Confirmation Mass. 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.

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

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 contact Fr. Patrick in the first instance and he will put you in touch with us.

The Liturgy Committee will meet at 10.30 am on Thursday this week, 28th April. If you would like to bring anything to the attention of the Liturgy Committee, or if you would like to join them, please contact Anne Inman in person, or through 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 online at <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>**

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 for further

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, 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. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/reading-acts-in-easter>

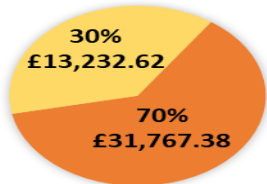
From Our Lady of Hartley School: We hope to have a an exciting summer term, full of fun and interesting activities. Coming up, we have school trips, including the Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight, Sports day, the school choir performance at the O2 as part of Young Voices 2022 and much more. www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/

Sharing my Time and Talents - Thankyou to everyone who has either newly volunteered or renewed their commitment to help in the parish. We are getting in touch with everyone on the list.

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



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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:

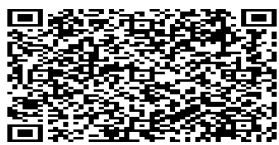
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PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AIDED DONATIONS

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 1st May. 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 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 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 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 give the necessary advice and guidance 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: [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 31**. 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. And give us the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. We look forward to seeing you in July!

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>

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 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.*

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



Saturday 23rd April Saturday within the Octave of Easter Mass of Sunday	No Morning Mass 4.30pm-5.20pm 5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm Mass:	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
Sunday 24th April Second Sunday of Easter (C) or of Divine Mercy 2nd Collection: Mission Appeal by The Comboni Missionaries	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am Mass: 10.15am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament private prayer People of the parish <i>‘O blood and water which gushed forth from the heart of Christ as a fountain of mercy for us, we trust in you’ Divine Mercy Sunday.</i>
Monday 25th April Saint Mark, Evangelist, Feast	No Mass	
Tuesday 26th April Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England, Solemnity	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
Wednesday 27th April Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Thursday 28th April Feria/St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr/St. Louis de Montfort, Priest	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Friday 29th April Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer
Saturday 30th April Feria/ St. Pius V, Pope Mass of Sunday	No Morning Mass 4.30pm-5.20pm 5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm Mass:	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament private prayer People of the Parish
Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter 2nd Collection: For the maintenance of St. George’s Cathedral.	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am Mass: 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Jon and Judith Stephens, 40th Wedding Anniversary. Mass:

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