

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter April 3rd 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/>

**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.

**Thankyou** Kwesi for reading at Mass for the first time last week and to all our young Readers, Singers, Servers, Welcomers and Stewards.

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

**The Requiem Mass** for Anne Barry will take place here on Wednesday 6th April at 12.15pm. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. There will be NO 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 6th.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Digna Quigley** who died last Sunday 27th March. Digna's Requiem Mass will take place here on Wednesday 18th May at 11.00am. Please keep Digna's children and grandchildren in our prayers at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

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

**Congratulations** to Theresa Phipps who will be celebrating her 80th birthday on 5th April.

**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.

**New Parish Youth Group:** Niamh Harlow, one of our Youth Group Leaders, will be speaking at Mass on Saturday to introduce the parish Youth Group Team and speak a little about their aims. There are Consent forms in the church porch and on parish website for parents to download, fill in and return.

**'Children's Liturgy' for children in Reception Class-Yr2 takes place this Sunday 3rd April 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 before the Offertory to share with us what they have learned.

**RCIA Meeting:** Our final meeting before the Easter Vigil will be this coming Monday, 4th April, in the meeting room at the usual time of 5.45 pm for a 6 pm start. Please continue to pray for all those involved.

**Fridays in Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm** - in church and livestreamed. William and Jim will lead on 8th April.

**First Holy Communion 2022: All Application Forms should now have been returned** to the parish office for those wishing to register their child for First Holy Communion Preparation.

**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 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

**OUR PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place on **Thursday 7th April at 7pm.** There will be an opportunity for individual Confession. Fr Patrick will be joined by Fr. Joe Smith 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

**Messy Easter** event craft morning for children on Saturday April 9th 11am - 1 pm in All Saints Church Centre Ash Road Hartley. Please see the poster on the church Noticeboard.

**From Our Lady of Hartley School:** It's a chilly end to term 4 as we look forward to the Easter Holidays and a warm Summer term ahead. We would like to thank our supportive parents, our hardworking staff and the wonderful children who make it all worthwhile. We wish you a happy and holy Easter. To learn more about us: [www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/](http://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/)

**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](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com)

**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.**

**MASS FOR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1982 VISIT OF POPE ST JOHN PAUL II TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

On 28th May 2022 at 12.30pm Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass to mark the fortieth anniversary of the visit of St John Paul II to the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George.

The Cathedral will also be hosting an exhibition in the period 16-30th May about the visit of St John Paul II to St George's.

**We are looking to hold a Parish Fete in 2022** either at the beginning of July or in September. The first step is to find a Fete Co-Ordinator and Vice Co-Ordinator to plan the event. If you are willing to take up either of these positions please speak to Fr Patrick or contact the Parish Office and leave your details. Likewise, if you know one or more people who might help in 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.

**St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP):** 'We are a small group of people who offer confidential

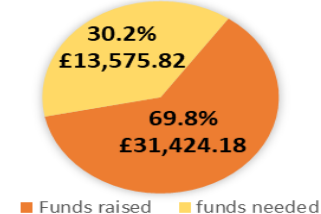
support through phone calls, house visits, accompanying people to local medical/dental appointments. We also offer financial support to struggling families. Please contact us through the parish office.

**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 in the porch for those who may like one. A diocesan synthesis of all parish reports will be made public in July.

**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)

This Week, for anyone who has completed the Pledge Form to: set up Monthly Standing Order; change from Weekly Envelope to Monthly Standing Order; confirm ongoing Weekly Giving by Donation Envelopes or Monthly Online Donations, there will be a Letter emailed to you or available for you as you leave Mass.

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

**The parish and outside charities can also claim Gift Aid on our 2nd Collections. All Gift Aid Donors have been issued a number to reference when giving to 2nd Collections, also Easter, Christmas, and other Special Collection Donations.** Some Standing Order and Online donors will already have a number (200 onwards) from the time you changed payment method, and some will have a number (1-100) from when you first began donating by envelope - **this number does not change and is unique to you– all donors will be given, or reminded of, their number by email or post.**

If you have increased or decreased your Standing Order since the Stewardship and Planned Giving Drive and you haven't as yet returned a Pledge Form to note the change, please either update your information on a Pledge Form or simply notify the Parish Office. If you have any queries, please contact the parish office. Thank you for all your support.

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

**St. Francis de Sales 200 Club** March Draw winners: 1st Prize: T Owen No 52 £50. 2nd Prize: W Page No 77 £12.50 To join the club you'll find Membership Forms, Rules, and info in the church porch or on the parish website.

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

**To learn more about the Knights in our parish, contact the parish office for contact details.**

**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.

**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](mailto:hartleysg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) 07966 538458.**



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.

**Register you 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 or when you come to Mass. It is important to register yourself/your family as parishioners.

**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.*

**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 2nd April</b> <b>Morning: Feria</b>	<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 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: Mass: Richard Gaughan, deceased (Yvonne)
<b>Monday 4th April</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday 5th April</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass:
<b>Wednesday 6th April</b> Feria	<b>12.15am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Anne Philomena Barry
<b>Thursday 7th April</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am <b>7.00pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: <b>Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service with opportunity for individual Confession</b>
<b>Friday 8th April</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am <b>12 noon</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, private prayer Mass: <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
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<b>Mass of Palm Sunday</b>		Baptism: Imogen Bonner
<b>Sunday 10th April</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> <b>2nd Collection: Easter Candles</b>	08.00am-08.30am 08.30am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Digna Quigley, recently deceased (William)

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