

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter May 15th 2022

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) In the Parish Mass Book, Page 271

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27, 40-41 Second Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1-5 Gospel: John 13: 31-35

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: Fr Patrick will be available in the Confessional on Saturdays 4.30-5.20pm; and on weekdays Tues - Fri 8.40-9.20am, or you can book an appointment for a time convenient to you.

Please pray for the well being of our housebound and sick parishioners and for their family and carers
Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday 15th at the 10.15am Mass, for children who are in YR- Y2.

First Holy Communion Preparation Class: Sunday 15th May at 9.30am at Our Lady of Hartley School. Children should be collected from the church meeting room after 10.15am Mass has ended.

The Adult Choir will be singing at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 15th May. Congregational singing will take place when the either choir sings at Mass.

Youth Choir: Any school age child is welcome to join our Youth Choir. Consent Forms are in the church or on the parish website to download

Requiem Mass for Digna Quigley will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 11.00am. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend the funeral as seating will be limited outside of the known family number. Thankyou for your kind consideration.

There will be NO 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 18th



Congratulations to Isabelle, Niamh, Ruby, George, Kieran, Richard and Ryan, on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday 8th May.

Congratulations also to David Inman, who was received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. May the Lord continue to bless them and their families as they continue their Faith journey.

Thank you so much to Lucila Davis who prepared the young people for their Confirmation and for leading the Youth Choir who sang at the Mass—thank you to all the children and to their parents for supporting them and bringing them along to practise and to the Mass.

The Confirmation Mass is available to watch on the parish youtube channel. Click here to watch
<https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>

Sharing my Time and Talents - Our Parish Fete

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help at our proposed Parish Fete. **We are asking for two or three people to come forward who would work together to oversee the planning and coordinate a great team of helpers.** Please do speak with Fr Patrick or contact the Fete/Fundraising Team Anna, George or Phil, through the parish council at hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Our 2nd Collection this week is a Diocesan Collection for Poor Parishes—This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese, Thankyou.

From Our Lady of Hartley School: We ended the week with a memorable and very enjoyable Careers Day. The children all looked amazing in their outfits, from scientists and soldiers to archaeologists and artists. The day began with an assembly in which some professionals told us about their careers in the police service, the medical profession, the construction industry, the children were able to speak to each of the four visitors and get a close up look at some of the specialist equipment they use in their jobs. A big thankyou to everyone involved in organising the event, we are very grateful for all their time. visit www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/

Paintings of Our Lady: Thanks to the pupils of Our Lady of Hartley School, Jilil, Ellie and Acacia, who produced the paintings of scenes from Our Lady's life that are on display in church throughout the month of May.

Our Lady of Hartley School are holding an event on Friday 27th May to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will take place from 3.10pm–5.00pm after school in the school grounds and we will have stalls, games, food and drinks available. The school have extended an invitation to all parishioners to join in the celebration and fun.

Parish Youth Group leaders will meet on Saturday 14th May at 4pm. Thankyou Niamh, Ellie &, Ryan and 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 **For young people who are interested in being a Welcomer/Reader/Altar Server,** Consent Forms are available in the porch & on the parish website 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.

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.

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, 21st May 2022 at the new time of 11.00am This event is especially important as it enables all those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation to gather this time for Mass, to receive Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist together. Godparents, sponsors, relatives, friends, clergy, catechists, parishioners, 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

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

'Do ordinary things with extraordinary love'

'Mother Teresa is a spiritual and temporal inspiration for many people. My late Mum was privileged to have met her on a couple of occasions which cemented her conviction to offer her prayers, time and energy to supporting the Missionaries of Charity around the World. 40+ years on and a merry band of lovely people continue to support the Sisters in many ways. **One of these little projects is a day out for the homeless and needy from London at Aylesford Priory on Sunday May 15th'.** For more information, please email ejpsexton@hotmail.com.

Prayer Breakfasts: As part of our ecumenical links with local Anglican Churches, a Prayer Breakfast will be held on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month. **The first of these will be held in our own Meeting Room from 9 o'clock on Saturday 21st May (finishing at around 10.30)** There will be a continental breakfast, followed by shared prayer for the many needs of the world. Please do join us. For catering purposes please let Carol know that you are coming: carolwilton0@gmail.com.

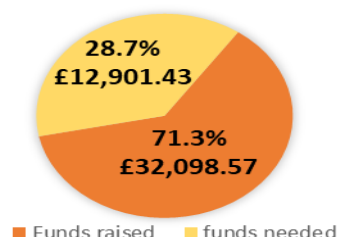
Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 9th at St George's Cathedral 3pm.

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 to receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited. Please write your parish location, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. Looking forward to seeing you!

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

Contactless Giving Machine is now in place in the foyer and ready to be used. For those of us who are not familiar with the system, some one will be at hand to help if needed. Thankyou

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AIDED DONATIONS

If you are a tax payer please consider giving monthly by Bank Standing Order. Fill in a Pledge Form and help secure 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 visiting the Church or wanting to make a One-Off Donation, please use the white envelopes in the Porch.

St. Francis de Sales 200 Club Membership for our monthly draw is open, please speak to Tina Shirley or Kate Whittaker. Membership Forms,

Rules, and further information can be found in the church porch or on the parish website.

Job Vacancy in the Diocese: Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education
This is initially a 12 month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

Diocesan Central Services Administrator Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities. **Full details of both jobs are available on the Diocesan website: Vacancies: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)**

PARISH DATABASE: It is important that you register yourself/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.

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>

Come, Pray the Rosary- An online Rosary for participation in worldwide OR individual prayer [Come, Pray the Rosary An online Rosary for participation in worldwide or individual 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 Safe-guarding 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**

Saturday 14th May St. Matthias, Apostle, Feast	No Morning Mass Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish
Mass of Sunday Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter 2nd Collection: 'Poor Parishes' Diocesan Collection	08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: Well-being of Lilian Young 10.15am Mass:
Monday 16th May	No Mass
Tuesday 17th May Feria, Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
Wednesday 18th May Feria OR Saint John I, Pope and Martyr	There will be NO Mass at 9.30am 11.00am Requiem Mass: for Digna Quigley
Thursday 19th May Feria OR St Dunstan, Bishop	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
Friday 20th May Feria/St Bernardine of Sienna priest	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
Saturday 21st May Feria/St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Mass of Sunday	No Morning Mass The church will be open at 9.00 am for the Prayer Breakfast. 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 5.30pm Mass:
Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter 2nd Collection: May Flowers for Our Lady's Shrine	08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: 10.15am Mass People of the Parish

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