

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter May 22nd 2022

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Parish Youtube : <https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) In the Parish Mass Book, Page 274

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Second Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10-14 Gospel: John 14: 23-29

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 right-hand side of the church is reserved for those who require social distancing. Please join us in the meeting room after Mass for tea.

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 all our housebound and sick parishioners, & their carers.

Please pray for all our young parishioners who will be preparing to sit exams at this time.

First Holy Communion Class on Sunday 22nd May at 9.30am in the school. Please collect your child from the church meeting room after 10.15 Mass.

Pentecost Novena In preparation for Pentecost, we will pray the Pentecost Novena together beginning Friday 27th May, the day after The Ascension of the Lord, until and including Saturday 4th June, the day before Pentecost Sunday. Praying the Novena will take place before the start of Mass each day, and everyone will be given a copy of the prayer, to join in. We hope that those of you who cannot attend Mass will get a copy so that you can join in praying with us through the livestream.

Children's Liturgy for children in YR-Y2 will take place during 10.15am Mass on Sunday 22nd May.

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 help 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 next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 26th May. If there is any matter you would like to see raised and discussed at the meeting, please email the Chair, Chris Pieroni at hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk or drop a note FAO Chair of Parish Council at the parish office. All correspondence will be treated with confidence.

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

Parish Youth Group leaders Niamh, Ellie &, Ryan who, with Adult Support from Laura, Louise and Ryan, invite all children from Y3 upwards to join the Youth Group. Parental Consent Forms are available in the church porch & on the website.

Our Parish Youtube channel is now showing the Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Hartley which took place on Saturday 7th May. Click below to watch <https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>.

You can also view the **Confirmation Mass** from 8th May & the **Easter Vigil Mass** from 16th April.

Youth Choir and Adult Choir Thanks to Lucila Davis and Yvonne Hegarty for leading our Youth Choir and Adult Choir to sing at Mass. Any school child is welcome to join our Youth Choir. Parents can pick up a Consent Form in the church or from the parish website to download and submit, online or drop it off when you come to Mass. **If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir**, please speak to Yvonne or email her at yhegarty@talktalk.net. 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.

Youth Ministry For young people who are interested in being a Welcomer/Reader/Altar Server. Parental consent Forms are available in the porch & on the parish website. Thankyou

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.

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

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 families. Contact us through the parish office'.

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/ 60^t +

From Our Lady of Hartley School It has been a very special week for the children of St. Patrick's class who have enjoyed a wonderful experience at Kingswood on the isle of Wight. This has been our first residential trip since 2019 and by all accounts it looks to be one of the most successful. The weather has been kind to them all as the children enjoyed a variety of exciting activities. We all look forward to hearing all about their adventures next week. Well done to all of the children for being fine ambassadors for our school and a big thankyou to Mrs McGinley, Mrs Darby, Mrs Spragg and Mr Joseph for looking after them.

'The Queen Rules' – written by Mr Baldock and illustrated by pupils and teachers, this beautiful book to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth will be on sale at the school next week, £6 per copy. Contact us on 01474706385 or [email office@our-lady-hartley.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:office@our-lady-hartley.kcsp.org.uk) to get your copy. www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/

wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible, and no later than May 31st. To receive an invitation from the Archbishop, please contact mflkent@rcaos.org.uk Spaces are limited. As the title of your email, please write your parish ie Hartley, your names, home address, and the anniversary you are celebrating. Looking forward to seeing you in July!

Vocations Webinar: 'Here I am Lord, Send Me'

God has a definite plan and purpose for all of our lives. The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding a Zoom webinar of Tuesday 24th May between 7 pm – 8 pm with the theme 'Here I am, Send Me'. Some men receive a unique call to be a Catholic priest or deacon, and some women are also called to religious life. Join Fr Paul Kyne, seminarian Stephen Trafford, Sister Aelred and Fr Stephen Morrison to hear about vocations and following a religious life. If you feel you may have a vocation or would simply like to find out a little more, please email Laura Dudhee at: lauradudhee@rcaos.org.uk if you would like to attend or find out more.

Synod News The archdiocese has published its synthesis of synodal responses at https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/n0vfb2my/southwarksynthesis_final.pdf. This is now being examined along with similar documents from all the other dioceses to produce a national synthesis for consideration in Europe and in Rome. The national team of eight includes Mark Nash, Director of Southwark's Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, and our Archbishop is responsible for episcopal oversight, alongside Bishop Marcus Stock from Leeds. The deadline for completion is 15 August.

Mass in St. George's Cathedral to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass on 28th May 2022 at 12.30 pm to mark the 40th Anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II in May 1982. The Mass live be livestreamed, to watch click on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VG2jOFWEkS4>

The Cathedral is also hosting an exhibition in the period 16th–30th May about the historical visit of St John Paul II to St George's. All are welcome.

Our Parish Nat West Bank Account has been renamed RCAS Hartley. Please use this heading for cheques and all bank references. Thankyou

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

The new Contactless Giving Machine is now in place in the church porch and ready to be used. For those of us who are not familiar with the system, some one will be at hand to assist. 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.

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.**

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 is an online Rosary you can use for worldwide or individual prayer. Click on [Come, Pray the Rosary An online Rosary for participation in worldwide or individual prayer.](#)

The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on 22 May 2022 (Sixth Sunday of Easter), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India. Sunday after Sunday, during the Easter celebrations, Eastern and Western Christians hear the Acts of the Apostles which witness to the first preaching of the Gospel. These readings remind us of the origin of the Eastern Churches and the history of the first Eastern Christians, who brought the Gospel to us. Nowadays, many of these Eastern Christians are oppressed and persecuted, and struggle to survive and to pass on our faith to their children, in their own lands where Christianity was born and first spread. **Let us pray for peace, especially in the Middle East.** May the Christians in these lands be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue courageously to give witness to Jesus. Christ.

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



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| Saturday 21st May Feria/St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs | No Morning Mass The church is open at 9.00 am for a Prayer Breakfast. 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 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: For all young people who are sitting exams at this time |
| Monday 23rd May | No Mass |
| Tuesday 24th May Feria | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass: |
| Wednesday 25th May St. Bede the Venerable, priest and Doctor of the Church | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass: |
| Thursday 26th May The Ascension of the Lord A Holy Day of Obligation | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass: |
| Friday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England, Feast | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Pentecost Novena Day 1 09.30am Mass: |
| Saturday 28th May Feria | No Morning Mass 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Pentecost Novena day 2 5.30pm Mass: Patrick Anthony McClelland, deceased (Doreen) |
| Mass of Sunday | |
| Sunday 29th May 7th Sunday of Easter Diocesan 2nd Collection: World Communications Day | We will pray the Pentecost Novena Day 3 before each Mass 08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: People of the Parish 10.15am Mass: |

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: hartley@rcaos.org.uk.
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