

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter May 8th 2022

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) In the Parish Mass Book, Page 269

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.

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

**The Hart magazine May edition:** Thankyou to Jim Harbinson for providing the front cover illustration of our church for May's edition & to Phil Kerton for his 'Parliament in your Parish' article.

**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. **Our Thanks to** Phil for preparing things for the pilgrimage & to all volunteers for taking part; to Tina, Brendan, and Assam, for cleaning the church, and to Jeanne Taylor for the beautiful flower arrangements.

**The Adult Choir will be singing at the 5.30pm Mass and also at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 15th May.** Congregational singing will take place when the either of the choirs sing at Mass.

**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, George, Kieran, Richard & Ryan. We pray for them and for Lucila Davis, their Catechist, who has been preparing them for this special day.

**We pray also for David Inman who will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at Sunday's Mass. Congratulations David!**

**Our Youth Choir** will sing at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday. Any child wishing to join the choir, please bring them along to the practise on Sunday at 9.30am, and they can join the others to sing at 10.15am Mass. Consent Forms are in the church or on the parish website to download and submit.

**First Holy Communion Preparation and Youth Choir:** As part of their preparation classes, all the children for FHC 2022 are members of the Youth choir and will therefore be singing at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 8th May. Please drop your child off at the church promptly for 9.30am.

**First Holy Communion Meeting with parents** will take place in the Meeting Room after the 10.15am Mass, Sunday 8th May. **All parents should attend.**

**Our 2nd Collection today is for The Priest Training Fund**—this helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. **Please use the envelopes provided or make your cheque payable to 'RCAS Priest training Fund', Thankyou**

**From Our Lady of Hartley School:** The children must be exhausted after such a busy week including their great efforts during Wednesday's mini marathon. A big thankyou to the PTA for organising this event and to everyone for their sponsorship. We now look forward to a careers assembly next week. For more about our school, visit us at [www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/](http://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/)

**On our Parish Youtube: The Easter Vigil Mass, celebrated on 16th April, has been added to the Youtube channel, click here to watch the recording <https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>**

**The Confirmation Mass on Sunday 8th May will be recorded and added to the Parish Youtube**

**Visiting Pilgrims:** A group of about 16 pilgrims from Bexhill-on-Sea is visiting on Monday 9th May and will be celebrating Mass at 11.00 am. You are invited to join them and make them welcome.

**The Catholic Women's Circle -CWC-** warmly invite you along to their next social gathering on **Wednesday 11th May at 1.30 for 2pm in the parish Meeting Room.** If you would like to join them, but would need transport, please contact Fr Patrick or the parish office and we will try our best to get you along. Do let your friends and neighbours know, especially anyone who is in need of company, a cup of tea and cake. No-one is too young or too old to join us, do come along.

**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 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

**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.

**'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](mailto: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.

### Sharing my Time and Talents - Parish Fete

Many thanks to those who have volunteered or renewed their commitment to help in the parish.

**If someone 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 [hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk).**

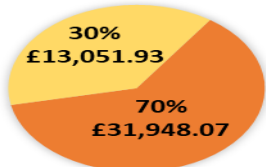
**Comboni Missionary Rosary Packs and Rosary bead sets** are available in the porch. If you would like to have one, kindly leave a donation in one of the envelopes and put it in the basket or send your donation direct, using the envelope. Thankyou

**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:



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**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](http://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 winners:**  
**1st Prize: £50 No 72 Yvonne Hegarty. 2nd Prize: £12.50 No 45. Membership for monthly Draws is open, please speak to Tina or Kate.** Membership Forms, Rules, and further information can be found in the church porch or on the parish website **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.

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

If you are celebrating 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + 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](mailto: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>

**Come, Pray the Rosary-** An online Rosary for participation in worldwide or individual prayer via [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 Safeguarding Representative Mrs Victoria Foley: [hartleysg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto: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**

<b>Saturday 7th May</b> Feria	No Morning Mass Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am <b>3.30pm-5.00pm Shrine of Our Lady of Hartley Annual Pilgrimage</b> 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mass of Sunday</b> <b>Sunday 8th May</b> 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday	<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life</i> 08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: <b>10.15am Confirmation Mass</b>
<b>2nd Collection: Priest Training</b> <b>Fund. Diocesan Collection</b>	Intention: All those who are being Confirmed today. Intention: Marie Dunne, Deceased, 3rd Anniversary (Claire, Niamh)
<b>Monday 9th May</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 10th May</b> Feria/St John de Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
<b>Wednesday 11th May</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
<b>Thursday 12th May</b> Sts Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs St Pancreas, Martyr	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
<b>Friday 13th May</b> Feria/ Our Lady of Fatima	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
<b>Saturday 14th May</b> 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:
<b>Mass of Sunday</b> <b>Sunday 15th May</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass:
<b>2nd Collection: Poor Parishes</b> <b>Diocesan Collection</b>	10.15am Mass People of the Parish

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