

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter July 10th 2022

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1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

WELCOME: everyone joining us today for Mass.

If you are attending Mass please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church. Seating on the right side of the church is primarily for any one needing social distance. Thankyou.

Tea and coffee is served in the meeting room after weekend Masses, please join us for a drink & chat.

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. Weekdays Tues - Fri from 8.40-9.20am, Fr Patrick will be in the church if you would like Confession during that time or you can book an appointment for a time that is convenient to you.

Our adult choir will be singing at 10.15am Mass this weekend, Sunday 10th July.

Our Youth Choir will be singing at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 17th July. **Please drop your child off at the church promptly for 9.30am.** Thankyou.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners and for their families and caregivers.

Children's Liturgy will take place this Sunday 10th July during the 10.15am Mass for children in YR-Y2 ***Please speak with Fr Patrick if you can help with this ministry.*** Thankyou

First Holy Communion Preparation Next Class is on Sunday 10th July at 9.30am in the school.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Please pray for the nine children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament for the first time on Saturday 16th July.

Mass on Wednesday 20th July will be at 10.00am

Mass on Thursday 21st July will be celebrated in *Our Lady of Hartley School* at 10.00am.

Mass on Friday 22nd July will be at 10.00am and will be offered for the soul of deceased parishioner David Brennan. Parishioners are encouraged to attend and offer our support to David's family.



Thankyou to the pupils and teachers from Our Lady of Hartley School, Reception Class, Yr1 and Y2 who attended Mass on Wednesday 6th July.

Teachers and pupils from school Y2-Y5 will be attending Mass on Wednesday 13th July. Parents, Grandparents and parishioners are encouraged to join us for Mass to support the children, thankyou.



Congratulations to Brendan and Tina Shirley on celebrating their 48th Wedding Anniversary and to **Joe and Kate Whittaker**, on celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary, this week. May the Lord continue to bless them and their families.

From Our Lady of Hartley School: The fun outdoor activities are continuing here at Our Lady of Hartley, making up for the many times we have not been able to journey outside of the school grounds in recent years. As the end of the school year approaches, there are many other events to look forward to, including our Street Food Festival and an opportunity for you to sit down with your child and talk about their learning.

Job Vacancy at Our Lady of Hartley School: click on the link below for details and job description.

[Teaching Assistant Teaching/Child Support at Our Lady of Hartley Catholic Primary School, Hartley](#)

Sea Sunday Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. **Our 2nd Collection this weekend will raise vital funds to ensure we can support everyone who needs our help, thank you**

Confirmation in 2023. If your child will be in school year 8 or above in September 2022 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, Application Forms are available in the church porch or on the parish website to download. Please return forms to White Friars. **The closing date to apply is Sunday 11th September 2022.**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Journey in Faith: Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? If you have never been baptized, if you were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, you are welcome to join the RCIA programme, the process by which adults become Catholic. Likewise, if you are Catholic and interested in learning more about the Faith. **Download an Application Form from the parish website or pick one up in the church and return it to the parish office by 11th September 2022.**

CWC Catholic Women's Circle July Meeting: 'Our next CWC social meeting will be on Wednesday 13th July in the meeting room at 2pm when we will have seminarian Lawrence Mendy telling us about his homeland, The Gambia. All are welcome to join us for tea, cake and chat. Look forward to seeing you then'. Margaret Walsh.

Prayer Breakfast: Our first Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast in May was a well attended and joyful event. The next breakfast will be at All Saints Church Centre on Ash Road at 9 o'clock on Saturday July 16th. Please do join us for a continental style breakfast followed by shared prayer for the many needs of our world. Please let Carol know if you intend to come for catering purposes— email carolwilton0@gmail.com.

St Francis de Sales 200 Club Membership Forms Information and Rules are all available in the church porch or to download from the parish website. Please speak to Tina or Kate for assistance.

The new Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* of the Holy Father, Francis, to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, to Consecrated Men and Women and to the Lay Faithful on the Liturgical Formation of the People of God is available to read below at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/>

Confirmation Catechist/s Any one or two people willing to help with preparing our young people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, please email or speak to Fr Patrick, thank you.

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

Helping with counting the weekly Collections: If you can help with counting the weekly collections on Tuesday mornings at 10.15am in the presbytery on a rota basis, please email the parish office.

Youth Choir and Adult Choir. All primary and secondary school children are welcome to join our Youth Choir. Parents can pick up a Consent Form in the church or on the parish website to download and submit. **If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir,** please speak to Yvonne Hegarty or email Yvonne at yhegarty@talktalk.net.

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. Please speak with Fr Patrick if your child is interested, thank you

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.

Parish Open Air Mass and Celebration

We are planning to hold Our Open Air Mass this year on Sunday 25th September at 10.30am on the playground at Our Lady of Hartley School. This will also be a Celebration for all the Sacraments received through out the year. Please note, there will be NO 8.30am Mass on 25th September.

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'.

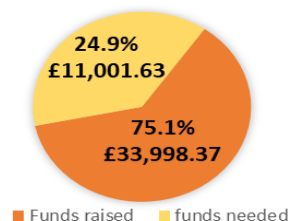
'Come Home' Our Archbishop John Wilson asks us to share a short letter of invitation with anyone we know who has not yet returned to Sunday Mass. Copies are available behind the steward's table in the porch Visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/comehome>

Cathedral Young Adults Group - Summer Series Talk - Holiness: St John Paul the Great. On 14th July at 6.30pm in St George's Cathedral Hall (next to the Cathedral) Peter D. Williams, will give an overview of how to defend key elements of the faith with the theme Giving an account: Apologetics in Action. The talk is aimed at those in their 20s & 30s.

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/ £52 annual £52 standing order at: Nat West RCAS Hartley. Account no 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.

Stewardship and Planned Giving Drive 2022 We have now reviewed the results of the Drive that took place in February/March and we would firstly like to thank everyone again for taking part in what was a successful campaign for our parish.



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, otherwise contact our **Parish Safeguarding Representative Mrs Victoria Foley: hartleysg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk** You can contact Victoria on 07966 538458.

Secondly, the Drive saw a significant review and change in donors' Financial Commitments- the total annual increase to Gift Aided donations, as opposed to the significant decrease in cash donations, is £3,696.00 as it stands. We received a one-off donation of £1,000.00 for 'Stewardship and Planned Giving'. We have also filled many New Volunteer roles (39 in total) and 23 Renewals for various Roles and Groups/Associations that people are already involved with in the parish. Obviously we would be grateful for more people could come forward to help and we would encourage all those who haven't as yet reviewed their Financial Commitment and their Volunteer Commitment to the Parish, to do so. All required sign up/pledge Forms are still available in the church foyer. Many thanks to you all for your participation and continued support to the parish.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AIDED DONATIONS

If you are a tax payer please consider joining 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.

PARISH DATABASE: It is important that you register yourself/your family on the Parish Database. Download a copy of **Parish 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 at White Friars or bring it when you come to Mass. All intentions for Mass are published in the Newsletter & names are written in the frame placed 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: www.pray-as-you-go.org.uk <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk/the-wednesday-word/>
<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer> <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/>
<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-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 in July for The Elderly***

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

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 9th July | | No Morning Mass. The Church is open for private prayer from 10am |
| Feria/Blessed Virgin Mary/St Augustine | | 12.00 Baptism: Myla Yeomans |
| Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs | | 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions in the Confessional |
| Mass of Sunday | | 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| | | 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish |
| Sunday 10th July | | 08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | 08.30am Mass: |
| Year C, Sea Sunday | | 10.15am Mass: For Daniel Ashley Brownlow and Sophey Tucker- that |
| 2nd Collection: Apostleship of | | their babies will be healthy and well. (Debbie, Ravi) |
| the Sea. Diocesan Collection | | |
| Monday 11th July | | No Mass |
| St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe | | |
| Tuesday 12th July | | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| St. John Jones, Priest & Martyr, Mem. | | 09.30am Mass: |
| Wednesday 13th July | | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| Feria/ St. Mildred/St. Henry | | 09.30am Mass: Claire Ferrill, deceased, Anniversary (Carol) |
| Thursday 14th July | | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| Feria/St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest. | | 09.30am Mass: |
| Friday 15th July | | 08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial. | | 09.30am Mass: |
| Saturday 16th July | | No Morning Mass The Church is open for private prayer from 10am |
| Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Memorial. | | 11.30am Baptism: James Philip Mooney |
| Mass of Sunday | | 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions |
| | | 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| | | 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish |
| Sunday 17th July | | 08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer |
| 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | 08.30am Mass: |
| Year C | | 10.15am Mass: |
| 2nd Collection: Maintenance | | |

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hartley@rcaos.org.uk. Newsletter items received after 11am Friday may not be included that week.

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