Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter July 17th 2022

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

To make a Bank Donation: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33 To donate to the Thatch Fund: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34363181 sort code: 60-06-33

St. Francis de Sales Mass Streaming Live: www.churchservices.tv/hartley

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year C Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 112 1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28 Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

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.

Please pray for our sick parishioners, both at home & in hospital, and for their families and caregivers.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeannie Bratton, sister of Angela Carpenter, who died recently. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

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. All children are welcome to come and join them. Thankyou.

Children's Liturgy will take place this Sunday 17th July during the 10.15am Mass for children in YR-Y2

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 is at 10.00am and will be offered for the soul of David Brennan.





Congratulations to Ada, Alice, Emily, Florence, Holly, Inés, Joshua, Mia, and Phoebe who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday 16th July. Thankyou to all the parents for supporting their children in their preparation and to the grand parents who were able to be with them today. May the Lord continue to bless them and their families.

Jane will not be in the Parish Office from Wednesday 20th July – Wednesday 27th July incl. For any matters, please contact Fr Patrick directly on his mobile 07766 254987 or please email patrickaduseipoku@rcaos.org.uk. Thankyou.





Thankyou to the pupils and teachers from Our Lady of Hartley School, Years 3, 4 and 5 who attended Mass on Wednesday 13th July.

Our Lady of Hartley Primary School Leavers' Mass: Teachers and pupils from school Y6 will be attending Mass on Wednesday 20th July. Parents, Grandparents and parishioners are encouraged to join us for Mass to support the children, thankyou.

St Francis de Sales Parish Council: Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th July at 7pm. If there are any matters you would like discussed at the meeting, please email Chris Pieroni, Chair, at hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk or by hand to 'FAO Chris Pieroni, Parish Council' & drop it through the door at the presbytery. Thankyou.

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.

Summertime 2022: 2nd – 5th August. A brilliant few days, in a great venue for teenagers up to age 17yrs who practice their Catholic Faith with regular Mass attendance. The venue is the oratory school in Reading, and coach transport is available from two venues. Total Cost £149– please speak with Fr Patrick if you would like your child to attend. Visit www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com for forms or email dartford@rcaos.org.uk. It is a brilliant few days of prayer and recreation. The Archbishop will be opening Summertime 2022 with Mass. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: Tel: 01322 220075.

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. Our July Draw will take place on Sunday 31st July. Please peak to Tina or Kate for further assistance if you would like to take up membership in time for the Draw this month.

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, thankyou.

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

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.

Server. Parental consent Forms are available in the porch & on the parish website. Please speak with Fr Patrick if your child is interested, 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.

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

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. 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 & 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 anyone who might be thinking of volunteering 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.justqiving.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.

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.

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 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Memorial. Mass of Sunday	11.30am	ss. The Church is open for private prayer from 10am Baptism: James Philip Mooney Confessions in the Confessional Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer People of the Parish
Sunday 17th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2nd Collection: Maintenance		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer leannie Bratton, recently Deceased (Angela Carpenter) For the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families.
Monday 18th July Feria	No Mass	
Tuesday 19th July Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Intention of the Parnell family (Tony)
Wednesday 20th July Feria/St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr/ St John Plessington, Priest & Martyr	08.45-09.30am 10.00am Mass :	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Leavers' Mass for Our Lady of Hartley Y6 pupils.
Thursday 21st July Feria/St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and Doctor of the Church	10.00am Mass: Please note, this	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Jack and Pat Hinde Thanksgiving (Pat) s Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Hartley shioners are welcome to attend.
Friday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene, Feast	08.45-09.30am 10.00am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer For the soul of David Brennan (Brennan family)
Saturday 23rd July Morn: St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe Mass of Sunday	No Morning Mas 4.30pm-5.20pm 5.00-5.30pm 5.30pm Mass:	ss The Church is open for private prayer from 10am Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
Sunday 24th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	08.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer People of the Parish Brian Spickett, Deceased (Valerie)

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: hartley@rcaos.org.uk. Newsletter items received after 11am Friday may not be included that week.

Editor reserves the right to edit articles.

2nd Collection: Peter's Pence 11.45am Baptism: Thea Lily Tomalin