

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter July 31st 2022

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year C Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 118

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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.

Hart Magazine Carol Wilton has written an article for the August edition of The Hart. There are copies in the porch, or speak to Carol about a subscription

Congratulations to Thea Lily Tomalin who was Baptised last Sunday. May God continue to bless Thea and her family.

Congratulations to Rosario and Martin Hunt, to Margaret and Pat Baynes, and to Joyce and Mick Nash, all celebrating their Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversaries this week.

Congratulations to Carol Wilton who celebrated her 74th Birthday this week.

Please pray for Colin Toulson, deceased, and for Karen & their family.

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

Children's Liturgy There will be a break for the summer. The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 11th September at the 10.15am Mass.

Confirmation in 2023. Any young person in school year 8 or above by September 2022 who 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 by 11th September 2022.**

St Francis de Sales 200 Club: Our July Draw will take place on Sunday 31st July. Please speak to Tina or Kate if you would like to take up membership in time for the Draw.

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.

The Spiritans

Congregation of the Holy Spirit, British Province



25/07/22

The good parishioners of St Francis de Sales Parish, Hartley

RE: Fr Patrick moving on

After 20 years in a parish, the priest was moved. His parishioners threatened to riot should the Bishop stick with the decision. To pacify them, the priest told them that the Bishop has promised to send them a better priest. But he learnt the lesson of his life when they promptly told him: "Father, we can't trust the Bishop; that was the same promise he made when he moved the priest before you."

Beloved parishioners, the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8) tells us that there is time for everything under the sun. I'm very sorry to inform you that it is the opportune time now for your Parish Priest Fr Patrick Adusei Poku to move on. During my pastoral visit to you last February, I could discern how, together, you have rekindled the flame of the faith in your community. It will therefore feel inappropriate to move Fr Patrick now.

The irony, however, is that the reward for good work is more work (not a good holiday in Hawaii). Fr Patrick is therefore being called to greater responsibility in a much more demanding mission. We urgently need Fr Patrick's experience and talents for this new mission.

Fr Patrick has been appointed to be the parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Acton & St Aidan East Acton in West London, Westminster Diocese. Fr Patrick would be assisted by another Spiritan priest. The parish was run by three priests from the Sacred Heart Religious Order.

I would love to thank you immensely for welcoming Fr Patrick and the massive support he has enjoyed serving you these couple of years.

Note however, that the ultimate measure of his success in his time with you will be determined by how easily his successor settles into the role. That would demonstrate that it hadn't just been about the individual but about bequeathing a robust Christian Community. You all therefore have a role to play in ensuring that your new Parish Priest, Fr Alphonsus Beni CSSp, feels welcome to serve you.

Both will resume in their new roles on the 1st of September. Transitions will therefore commence from about the second half of August. I thank you once again for the great experience we, the Spiritans, have shared with you in Fr Patrick. May this grow even more with Fr Alphonsus for the good of the mission and to the greater glory of God. Amen.

Yours in mission and service,



Fr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp
Provincial Superior,
Spiritans,
British Province.

Parish Open Air Mass and Celebration Sunday 25th September 2022 from 10.30am.

A reminder about the coming celebrations on 25th September. There will be an Open Air Mass on the school playground – the only Mass in the parish that day. An important occasion to celebrate parish life and build community. Help is needed!

A lunch on the school Playing Field will follow Mass. As well as the usual barbecue we want to see a World Food stall! Volunteers are needed to set up stalls, cook, and serve food.

Afterwards there will be small scale activities to increase the time for socialising and community building. Volunteers and ideas are needed and a list of past fete stalls is on the notice boards to give inspiration.

The Parish Council has decided to provide opportunities after weekend Masses throughout August – not just September – for people to sign up to help with vital tasks like laying out chairs or helping with the barbecue, and to pledge donations of goods such as cakes or soft drinks, and cooked food- or contributions toward buying food.

We hope that there will be lots of offers to set up and run stalls. This is an enjoyable and rewarding task! You are encouraged to choose and “reserve” a stall before September, via the parish office, as well as after weekend Masses. Thankyou.

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 download from the parish website

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, 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

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.

listening ear. Please first contact Fr. Patrick and he will put you in touch with us.

Kent Churches Sponsored Bike and Hike on September 10th 2022. Anyone who would like to take part to contact me , carolwilton0@gmail.com.

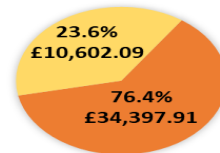
Donation Box for Gravesend Foodbank Please place non perishable foods and items in the Food Bank Box situated in the porch. Thankyou

Seeking Sanctuary: Donations of toiletries, hats gloves, warm clothing FOR YOUNG MEN, can be left in the blue box in the meeting room, thankyou

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’.

Thatch Fund: £45,000.00 Target to reach in 2023.

Thankyou for your £1 a Week donation. You may



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deposit your £1 in one of the Thatch Fund Boxes at the back of the church OR set up a £4 monthly/ £52 annual standing order at: Nat West

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Weekly or Monthly Contributions & Offertory Collections You can place your contribution in the **Collection baskets in the church** after Mass OR use the **Contactless Machine in the porch** by following the instructions on the card or ask Mass steward.

Planned Giving and 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 to www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

PARISH DATABASE FORM: It is important that you register yourself/your family on the Parish Database by filling in a Database Form – there are some in the porch, or download from website, and return it to the parish office. Thankyou

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 Mass intentions are published in the Newsletter & names 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: www.pray-as-you-go.org.uk <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk/the-wednesday-word/>
<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer> <https://catholicnovaapp.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 August for Small Businesses***

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

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



Saturday 30th July Morn: Feria/ St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	No Morning Mass. 4.30pm-5.20pm 5.00-5.30pm	The Church is open for private prayer from 10am Confessions in the Confessional Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
Mass of 18th Sunday in ordinary Time. Year C	5.30pm Mass:	Colin Toulson, Deceased, in remembrance on his Birthday and Wedding Anniversary (Karen)
Sunday 31st July 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Collection: Repair work at White Friars	08.00-08.30am 08.30am Mass: 10.15am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Martin and Rosario Hunt celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. (Rosario) People of the Parish
Monday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Memorial	No Mass	
Tuesday 2nd August St Eusebius/St Peter Eymard	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Patricia Oddy, Deceased, 3rd Anniversary (Carol)
Wednesday 3rd August Feria	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Fr. Patrick, as he continues his mission (Anne)
Thursday 4th August St John Vianney, priest, Memorial	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
Friday 5th August Feria/Dedication of Basilica St Mary Major	08.45-09.30am 09.30am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer Mick and Joyce Nash celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary (Joyce)
Saturday 6th August Morn: The Transfiguration of the Lord	No Morning Mass. 4.30pm-5.20pm 5.00-5.30pm	The Church is open for private prayer from 10am Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass:	Pat and Jim Gregory, Deceased, Rest in Peace (Sue)
Sunday 7th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Collection: Repair works at White Friars	08.00-08.30am 08.30am Mass: 10.15am Mass:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer People of the Parish Joan Colleran, Recently Deceased sister of Bernie Harbinson (Bernie)

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.

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