

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter July 3rd 2022



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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year C Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 105**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14. 2nd Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18 Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20.**

**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.

**Thankyou to Our Lady of Hartley Yrs 3 & 4** pupils and teachers who joined us for Mass on Wednesday 29th June.

**Pupils and teachers from Reception Class & Years 1 and 2 will be attending Mass on Wednesday 6th July.** Parents, grandparents and parishioners are invited to join us for Mass to support all the children taking part.

**Our adult choir** will be singing at 10.15am Mass on Sunday 10th July.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Mrs Jane Iwueke, who died recently, and please pray for all our housebound parishioners and their carers, and for all our sick parishioners, and for their families.

**Thankyou** to Kate, Liz and Lawrence for tidying up the porch area in the church.

**Youth Fun Day Thankyou** to our Youth Leaders Niamh, Ellie, Ryan, and new young leaders Brooke, Alyssa and Angel, who, with great support from Laura and Ryan, ran their very first event last Saturday 25th June which was a great success! Our sincere gratitude to all who came along on the day, to the school staff for their great support and to everyone who helped set up and clear up, supervised the inflatables and kiddies' races, cooked and helped on the BBQ, served tea and cakes, sold raffle tickets, ran the PA system, etc, and to everyone, including those could not come, who very generously donated funds, made or brought cakes, sweets, drinks, crisps, provided brilliant hampers and other prizes for the raffle – thankyou for helping in each and every way to make sure our Youth Fun Day was a great success.

**Our Total expense for the event was £1,598.54**

**Our Total income for the event was £3,015.16**

**Thanks again for all your fantastic help & support!**

**Children's Liturgy will not take place this Sunday 3rd July, our apologies.** Children's Liturgy normally takes place during the 10.15am Mass for children in YR-Y2. Please speak with Fr Patrick if you would like to help with this ministry. Thankyou

**'Alone, but together!' There are just a few copies left of Fr Patrick's published book of Spiritual**

**Reflections in the church porch.** The cost is £20 per copy, and all proceeds go to The Missionaries of Charity, founded by St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, just ask one of the Mass stewards. Please place cash, or a cheque made to Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku - in an envelope marked 'Fr Patrick's Book' Thank you for your charity & support.



**From Our Lady of Hartley School:** It has been another very busy week at OLOH. Across the school the children have enjoyed learning about the Sikh religion and its customs and traditions. The children in Y3 have enjoyed a trip to Wingham Wildlife park and YR have met some very different animals at Godstone farm. Some of the children in Y6 have also had the opportunity to visit their new secondary schools— an event that always helps to build the excitement of new beginnings and wonderful opportunities ahead. The school trips continue next week so let's hope for more good weather!

**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 now 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.** Enrolment is open to anyone aged 18 yrs or older.

**CWC Catholic Women's Circle:** 10 of us had a lovely outing to 'Spadework' on 15th June. Our next meeting will be in the church meeting room on Wednesday 13th July 2pm, when seminarian Lawrence Mendy will give us a talk on his homeland, The Gambia. All are welcome to join  
**St Francis de Sales 200 Club June Draw winners:** 1st Prize £75. No. 58. 2nd Prize: £50 No. 13 Lucy Meson. 3rd Prize: £25 No. 74 Cristina Shirley. 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 if you would like to join for the July Draw.

**First Holy Communion Class on Sunday 3rd July at 9.30am in the school.** Please drop your child at the school for 9.30am. Children should be picked

up from the meeting room after 10.15am Mass.

**Synod 2021-2023 Progress Update.** Following the listening sessions that have taken place in our diocese and nationally, reports from the diocese and national organisations were submitted to the Bishops' Conference just before Holy Week this year. To see what progress has taken place since then, and what will be happening next, please see the Progress Update, attached to this newsletter, or posted on the parish noticeboard.

**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/>

**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. Contact Carol [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com) for further details.

**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](mailto: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

### 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.

Apart from the Saturday evening 5.30pm Mass, there will be one Mass in the parish on the Sunday 25th September, NO 8.30am Mass.

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. These 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.** St George's Cathedral is currently running a number of talks for those in their 20s and 30s, on the theme of Vocation and Mission. On 14th July at 6.30 pm in St George's Cathedral Hall (next to the Cathedral) Peter D. Williams, an experienced apologist and media representative, 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 and it will be followed by wine, juice and nibbles.

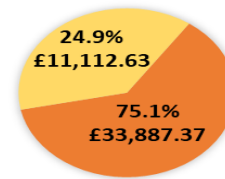
**Communicating Christ 2nd Edition: For the latest news from The Agency for Evangelisation and**

**Catechesis** click here <http://eepurl.com/h4--Rf>

**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



■ Funds raised ■ funds needed

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 no 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.

**The new Contactless Giving Machine** is now in place in the church. Please follow the instructions.

### 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](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.*

**PARISH DATABASE:** It is important that you register yourself/your family on the Parish Database. Please 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, thankyou.

**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



**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](mailto:hartleysg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)** You can contact Victoria on 07966 538458.



**Prayer Resources:** [www.pray-as-you-go.org.uk](http://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** 

<b>Saturday 2nd July</b> Morning: Feria/Blessed Virgin Mary	No Morning Mass. The Church is open for private prayer from 10am 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions in the Confessional 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 5.30pm Mass: Intention of the Morriss family (Jane)
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>	
<b>Sunday 3rd July</b> <b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b> <b>2nd Collection: Altar Flowers</b>	08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: People of the Parish 10.15am Mass: Repose of the soul of Mrs Jane Iwueke, recently Deceased. (Emily)
<b>Monday 4th July</b> Feria/St Elizabeth of Portugal	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 5th July</b> Feria/St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
<b>Wednesday 6th July</b> Feria/St. maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass: Joe and Kate Whittaker, on the celebration of their 40th wedding Anniversary. (Kate)
<b>Thursday 7th July</b> Feria/at Canterbury The translation of St Thomas, Bishop and Martyr	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass
<b>Friday 8th July</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass: For the wellbeing of Mrs Frankie Stewart (Tina)
<b>Saturday 9th July</b> Feria/Blessed Virgin Mary/St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	No Morning Mass The Church is open for private prayer from 10am 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 10th July</b> <b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C, Sea Sunday</b> <b>2nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea. Diocesan Collection</b>	08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: For Daniel Ashley Brownlow and Sophey Tucker- that their babies will be healthy and well. (Debbie, Ravi) 10.15am Mass:

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