

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter August 21st 2022

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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 127

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21    2nd Reading: Hebrew 12:5-7, 11-13    Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

**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 those needing social distance.

**Our Communion Procession** has gone back to our pre-covid way ie front row to back row on both sides of the church, starting on the right side. Please wait for the Mass stewards to direct you, thank you for your consideration.

**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.

**Fr Patrick** will be leaving the parish on Wednesday 31st August after 9.30am Mass to begin his new appointment as parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Acton and St Aidan, East Acton in West London, Westminster Diocese. Our new parish priest, Fr Alphonsus Beni CSSp, will arrive on 31st August and will celebrate his first Mass in the parish on Thursday 1st September.

**Please pray for** the repose of the soul of George Byrne, recently Deceased.

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

**Children's Liturgy** The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 11th September at 10.15am Mass.

**First Holy Communion Preparation Class** will resume on Sunday 4th September at 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School.

**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.**

**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 the parish priest or contact the parish office, thank you.

**PARISH OPEN AIR MASS AND CELEBRATION—  
SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022, 11.00AM AT  
OUR LADY OF HARTLEY SCHOOL PLEASE SIGN UP  
THIS WEEKEND TO HELP IN ANY WAY YOU CAN!**

A reminder about the coming celebrations on 25th September. There will be an Open Air Mass on the school playground at 11.00am – the only Mass in the parish on that day. Our Youth Choir and Adult Choir will be singing. A lunch on the school playing field will follow Mass, with BBQ and hopefully a World Food stall! This is an important occasion in our parish life and a wonderful way to celebrate, reach out, and build community relationships.

**Obviously volunteers are needed** to set up stalls, cook, and serve food. Alongside this, we are planning some games and fun activities for children and adults. Any ideas are welcome and a list of past fete stalls is on the church notice board to give us some inspiration!

We are inviting you to **Sign up to Help** with vital tasks like setting up - laying out chairs etc for Mass, or helping with the barbecue, tea stall, Pimms/beer tent, taking a turn on a tombola stall, the coconut shy etc. You can also start to pledge donations of goods such as cakes or soft drinks, and cooked food- or you may make contributions toward buying food and drinks etc, or raffle prizes. We will also need helpers to clear up afterwards,

**We hope that there will be lots of offers to set up and run stalls.** You can choose and “reserve” the stall you would like to volunteer on by adding your name to one of the **SIGN UP LISTS that will be available after all weekday and weekend Masses**, or by contacting the parish office 01474705361 [Hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Hartley@rcaos.org.uk). Thankyou in advance for your kind support and enthusiasm!

**Youth 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](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 to download. Please speak with Fr Patrick if your child is interested thankyou.

**Father Patrick**

‘This is to inform you all that there will be a Collection for Father Patrick who is leaving on the 31st August. As the sad Announcement of his Departure was made during the Holiday Period, Father Patrick will be invited back to celebrate the Open-Air Mass on the 25th September where he will be thanked and presented with the Money raised. He can then do what he wants with the Funds, as we know he likes to support Charities. This Open-Air Mass will give as many people as possible - past and present - the chance not only to come together but to show how much Father has meant to us and to thank him for all he has done here in Hartley.

Father has introduced many ideas, been a good support and worked hard for us all, despite numbers attending being limited and all the Covid Restrictions. He has even made regular visits to the Housebound and to the Sick through Covid and up until the present day to make sure they all feel part of the Parish. These Parishioners are very appreciative of his visits. We have all been lucky to have him here, his efforts are very much appreciated and should be recognised.

There are various ways of Donating - by using the Contactless Machine in the Foyer and click on “Father Patrick”, by Bank Transfer using the usual Parish Account Details and the reference “Father Patrick”. Alternatively, you can collect a White Envelope in the Foyer, mark it for “Father Patrick” and return the Donation in one of the Collection Baskets, hand the Donation in to the Presbytery or place the Donation into the big red Bucket. All Funds will be combined and presented at the Open-Air Mass. Please give generously and looking forward to seeing you all at the Open-Air Mass.’

*Anna Coffey, Vice-Chair of Parish Council*

**Bereavement Support Group:** We have a small, friendly group here at St. Francis de Sales whose members can visit 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 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'.

**Kent Churches Sponsored Bike and Hike on September 10th 2022.** Anyone who would like to take part please speak to Carol Wilton or contact her by email at [carolwilton0@gmail.com](mailto:carolwilton0@gmail.com).

**Prayer Breakfast in church meeting room** on Saturday 17th September at 9.00am.

**St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022** In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. The Relics will be at St. George's Cathedral from 19-21/10/2022 and at The Friars, Aylesford from 24-28/10/22. Visit the St Bernadette Relic Tour website [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)

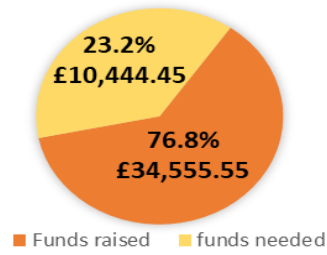
**St Francis de Sales Parish 200 Club** comes to the end of the 1st year with the Draw on 28th August. Present members will have received an email or letter regarding the renewal of their membership. We hope to reach a membership of 200 numbers this year.

**Joining the 200 Club is simple:** There is a Welcome notice explaining how the 200 Club works, a 200 Club Rules notice which must be read and a Membership Application Form - available from the church, or download a copy from the parish website or fill the application form in the church. **You must complete the application form and make payment, either by Bank transfer or cheque, by the 12th September 2022 to be included in the September Draw. Thankyou**

**Step Into the Gap programme for 18-30 year olds CAFOD**, in partnership with their UK placements, offers the exciting opportunity to spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy, where you will work alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. It is a great chance to develop a range of skills and gain work experience within the context of your faith.

**For more information**, please see the poster on the noticeboard outside the church or contact Arianne at [youngleadership@cafod.org.uk](mailto:youngleadership@cafod.org.uk) You can also visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year>

**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 please set up a £4 monthly/ £52 annual standing order at: Nat West RCAS Hartley. Acc

34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33. If you are a tax payer and use the parish Gift Aid scheme, please put your £1 in an envelope marked with your GA number so we can claim back 25p on each £1 you give and help us to reach our target sooner.

**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 or ask one of the Mass stewards.

**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](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 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.

**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 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 20th August**

Morn: St. Bernard, Abbot, and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

No Morning Mass. The Church is open for private prayer from 10am  
 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:

**Sunday 21st August**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
 08.30am Mass: George Byrne, Recently Deceased (Helen)

**2nd Collection: Altar Flowers**

10.15am Mass: People of the Parish

**Monday 22nd August**

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

**Tuesday 23rd August**

Feria/St Rose of Lima, Virgin/Sts John Wall and John Kemble, Martyrs

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
 09.30am Mass:

**Wednesday 24th August**

St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
 09.30am

**Thursday 25th August**

Feria/St Louis/St Joseph of Calasanz

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
 09.30am Mass:

**Friday 26th August**

Feria/Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest

08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
 09.30am Mass:

**Saturday 27th August**

Morn: St. Monica, Memorial

No Morning Mass. The Church is open for private prayer from 10am  
 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions

**Mass of Sunday**

5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
 5.30pm Mass:

**Sunday 28th August**

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**2nd Collection: Lighting Repairs**

08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer  
 08.30am Mass:  
 10.15am Mass: People of the Parish

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