

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter August 28th 2022



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## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 130

1st Reading: Eccles 3:17-20, 28-29 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24 Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

**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 i.e. 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.

Seating on the right side of the church is primarily for anyone preferring to maintain social distance.

**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 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 Classes** 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 contact the parish office, thank you.

**200 Club:** The August Draw will take place after 8.30am Mass this Sunday 28th August. Good luck!

**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 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 now** 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 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, thank you.

**We hope that there will be lots of offers to set up and run stalls.** You can 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. Thank you in advance for your kind support and enthusiasm!

**Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 per ticket.**

**Youth Choir:** All primary and secondary school children are welcome to join our Youth Choir. Consent Forms are in the church or download a copy from the parish website. **The next Youth Choir practise will be Sunday 18th September at 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School. The Youth Choir will then be singing alongside the Adult Choir at the Open Air Mass on 25th September.**

**If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir,** speak to/email Yvonne at yhegarty@talktalk.net.

**Day Trip to Minster Abbey in Thanet Saturday 8th October 2022** Please read the attachment to this week's newsletter about the proposed trip.

**Leaving Collection for Father Patrick** who will take up his new position as parish priest in Our Lady of Lourdes in Acton, London on Wednesday 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 presented with the collection as our gift to him. He can then do as he wishes with the money, as we know he likes to support charities. The Open-Air Mass will give as many people as possible the chance to not only come together, but to show Fr Patrick how much he 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. He has even made regular visits to our housebound and sick parishioners throughout 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 to contribute:** using the **Contactless Machine**- click on "Fr Patrick", by **Bank Transfer** to the Parish Nat West Account 34143580 Sort code 60-06-33 reference "Fr Patrick". Alternatively, pick up a **White envelope in the foyer**, marked "Fr Patrick", place your donation inside, then either put it into one of the Collection baskets or the red bucket at Mass time, or post it through the door at the Presbytery. **Please make any cheques payable to RCAS Hartley.** All contributions will be combined and presented to Fr Patrick at the Open-Air Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there, thank you

**Our re-named Catholic Welcome Circle (CWC) will have its next meeting on Wednesday September 14th** in the church meeting room, from 1.45pm onwards. This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to meet for friendly conversation and refreshments. We have, on occasion, speakers on various interesting topics and planned outings. Please speak to Margaret Walsh for more details.

**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. Thank you

**Seeking Sanctuary:** Donations of toiletries, hats gloves, warm clothing for young men can be left in the blue box 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'.

**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.

**Prayer Breakfast in church meeting room** on Saturday 17th September at 9.00am. Please let Carol know if you are going to join us by contacting Carol at carolwilton0@gmail.com.

**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 19th-21st October 2022 and at The Friars, Aylesford 24th-28th October 2022.

Visit the Relic Tour website: [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)

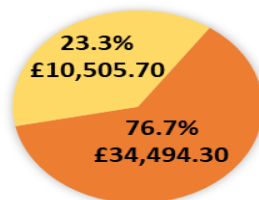
**St Francis de Sales Parish 200 Club comes to the end of the 1st year with the Draw on 28th August.** This year, we hope to reach a membership of 200 numbers. **Joining the 200 Club is simple:** There is a Welcome notice explaining how the 200 Club works, a 200 Club Rules notice which must be read and a Membership Application Form - available from the church, or download a copy from the parish website. 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. Thank you.

**'Marriage and Family Life, Kent' Courses on offer:** Please see the church noticeboard for information on Marriage and Bereavement courses & retreats.

**CAFOD Step Into the Gap programme for 18-30 year olds.** Spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy 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. If you are interested, email Arianna [youngleadership@cafod.org.uk](mailto:youngleadership@cafod.org.uk) for more.

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

**Thankyou for your £1 a Week donation.**



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You may 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 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. Thank you

**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** 

<b>Saturday 27th August</b> Morn: St Monica, Memorial	No Morning Mass. The Church is open for private prayer from 10am 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions in the Confessional	
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>	5.00-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	5.30pm Mass:	
<b>Sunday 28th August</b> <b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b> <b>2nd Collection: Lighting repairs</b>	08.00-08.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	08.30am Mass:	People of the Parish
	10.15am Mass:	
<b>Monday 29th August</b> The Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem.	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 30th August</b> Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward, Martyrs, Memorial	08.45-09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	09.30am Mass:	
<b>Wednesday 31st August</b> Feria/ St Aidan & Sts of Lindisfarne	08.45-09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	09.30am Mass:	
<b>Thursday 1st September</b> Feria/ St Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest <b>World day of prayer for the Care of Creation</b>	08.45-09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	09.30am Mass:	
<b>Friday 2nd September</b> Feria	08.45-09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	09.30am Mass:	
<b>Saturday 3rd September</b> Morn: St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	No Morning Mass. The Church is open for private prayer from 10am 4.30pm-5.20pm Confessions	
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>	5.00-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	5.30pm Mass:	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 4th September</b> <b>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b> <b>2nd Collection: Lighting repairs</b>	08.00-08.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer
	08.30am Mass:	
	10.15am Mass:	
	12.00	Baptism: Louie Oliveiro Fernandes

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