

# Oratory of St. Francis de Sales Parish Newsletter August 7th 2022

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year C Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 121

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2,8-12 Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

**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.

**Communion Procession** from this weekend will revert 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.

**Many thanks** to Howard Bonner for cleaning the church in the absence of Brendan & Tina this week.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Joan Colleran, sister of Bernie Harbinson.

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.

**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: July Draw winners**  
1st Prize £50 No 4 Jim Connelly 2nd Prize £12.50 No 58. Congratulations! Next Draw is 28th August.

**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 Fr Patrick or contact the parish office.

**PARISH OPEN AIR MASS AND CELEBRATION—  
SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022, STARTING AT  
10.30AM AT OLOH SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.  
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 10.30am – the only Mass in the parish on that day. Our Youth Choir and Adult Choir will be singing.

This is an important occasion in our parish life and a wonderful way to celebrate, reach out, and build community relationships.

A lunch on the school playing field will follow Mass. As well as the usual Barbecue, we hope to provide a World Food stall! 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! Again, we would need volunteers to make any of this happen please!

So, from this weekend, we will begin the process of **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, thank you.

**We hope that there will be lots of offers to set up and run stalls.** It really is an enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours! You can even choose and “reserve” the stall you would like to volunteer on ahead of September, by adding your name **NOW** to one of the **SIGN UP LISTS that will be available after all weekday and weekend Masses**, or by calling/emailing the parish office. [Hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Hartley@rcaos.org.uk)

Thankyou so much in advance for your kind support and enthusiasm!

**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](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, thank you

**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 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](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. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. The Relics will be at Archdiocese of Southwark St. George’s Cathedral: from 19/10/2022 to 21/10/2022 and at The Friars, Aylesford from 24/10/2022 to 28/10/22. Visit the St Bernadette Relic Tour website for more information: [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)

**World Youth Day (WYD) Lisbon 2023.** WYD is the gathering of young people aged 18-35 from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. If you are interested in going, please read the poster on the church noticeboard or register your interest at [bit.ly/wydsouthwark](http://bit.ly/wydsouthwark).

**St Francis de Sales Parish 200 Club** Tina Shirley with Kate Whittaker formed and run the 200 Club in the Parish which is now coming to the end of the 1st year with the Draw on 28th August.

During the first 4 months the membership grew from 94 to presently 102 numbers. By the end of August 2022 we will have given out £996 in prize money BUT even more important, the members of the 200 Club will have raised £1,456 for Parish funds.

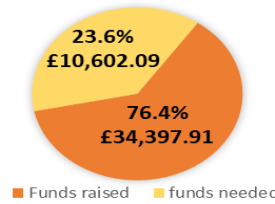
**Present members** will have received an email or letter regarding the renewal of their membership.

Any parishioners who have not bought a number please do consider becoming a member of the 200 Club as we hope to reach a membership of 200 numbers this year. This will mean the prize money will be greater each month BUT more important the Parish will benefit even more. Joining the 200 Club is very simple: There is a Welcome notice explaining how the 200 Club works, a 200 Club Rules notice- which must be read – and finally a Membership Application Form.

**You can take home the pack from the church**, or download copies from the parish website or if you would prefer, fill the application form when you come to 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. A number costs only £2 a month and there is no restriction on how many numbers you can purchase. PLEASE do mention the 200 Club to family, friends and neighbours as anyone who is over 16 can join, they do not have to be parishioners of this parish. **The more members we have, the more the Parish benefits. Thankyou.**

**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/ £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 can we ask you to 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 on the card or ask one of the Mass stewards for assistance.

**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://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**



<b>Saturday 6th August</b> Morn: The Transfiguration of the Lord	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: Pat and Jim Gregory, Deceased, Rest in Peace (Sue)
<b>Mass of Sunday</b>	
<b>Sunday 7th August</b> 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Collection: Repair works at White Friars	08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: People of the Parish 10.15am Mass: Joan Colleran, Recently Deceased sister of Bernie Harbinson (Bernie)
<b>Monday 8th August</b> St. Dominic, Priest, Memorial.	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 9th August</b> St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr, Feast	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
<b>Wednesday 10th August</b> St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, Feast	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass Mary Malone RIP, In Thanksgiving for a long good life (Angela)
<b>Thursday 11th August</b> St. Clare, Virgin, Memorial	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
<b>Friday 12th August</b> Feria/St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass: Peter Appleby, Recently Deceased and the Appleby Family (Tony, Valerie)
<b>Saturday 13th August</b> Morn: Feria/ Sts Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs/ BVM <b>Mass of Sunday</b> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity	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: Repose of the soul of John Martin (Jim)
<b>Sunday 14th August</b> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity 2nd Collection: Repair Works at White Friars	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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