

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales, Roman Catholic Parish *September 11th 2022*
Archdiocese of Southwark



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1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

Welcome to everyone joining us today for Mass.

If you are attending Mass please sanitise your hands on entering/leaving the church. Seating on the right side of the church is primarily for anyone wishing to have some social distancing.

Tea and coffee is served in the meeting room after weekend Masses, please join us for a drink & chat.

The Church is Open Tues-Fri 08.45am-4.00pm; Saturday 10.00am-6.30pm Sunday 7.45am-12noon

For Daily and Sunday Mass Readings, Morning Evening Prayer: <https://www.universalis.com/>

Confessions: Fr Alphonsus will be available in the Confessional on Saturdays 4.30-5.20pm and on Weekdays Tues-Fri from 8.40-9.20am, he will be in the church if you would like Confession during that time. You can also book an appointment for a time that is convenient to you.

Congratulations to Louie Oliveiro Fernandes who was Baptised last Sunday.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Frances Ripley, whose funeral will take place here on Thursday 15th September at 11.00am. Please note, we will not have a 9.30am Mass that day.

First Holy Communion Preparation Class: Sunday 11th September at 9.30am in OLOH School.

Youth Choir Practise: Sunday 18th September at 9.30am in OLOH School. The Youth Choir will sing at the Open Air Mass on Sunday 25th September.

Seminarian Lawrence Mendy will be leaving on Monday 12th September to continue his formation in Manchester. We wish Lawrence all the best for the future and are very grateful for his time here.



**Statement from Archbishop John Wilson
on the Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

The announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a cause of great sadness for her beloved family, for the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and all people of goodwill.

We give thanks to Almighty God for Her Majesty's life of unfailing dedication and the outstanding example of Her Majesty's service, faithful unto death.

As a devoted disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, Her Majesty witnessed to the Gospel of God's love for all people and worked tirelessly to strengthen harmony, to defend justice and to promote peace. We now pray for the repose of her soul, remembering the promise of Christ, who is the Resurrection and the life: 'I am with you always, even until the end of time.' (Mt 28:20) May Her Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for our King, for the Queen Consort and for all the Royal Family at this time of bereavement. We offer to them our deepest sympathy and condolence.

Let us also pray for our United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, grateful to God for Queen Elizabeth II's remarkable life and selfless commitment to the promises she made at her Coronation. Her Majesty has been a part of all our lives and we shall miss her deeply.



Prayer

We beseech you Almighty God, that your servant Elizabeth, who by your mercy received the government of this realm, and who dedicated her life entirely to the service of her people, may now rest from her labours in the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Archbishop John Wilson

Archbishop of Southwark and Metropolitan

Children's Liturgy for children YR-Y2 will resume Sunday 11th September during 10.15am Mass.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14th September 2022. If you would like any matters raised at the meeting, please email Chris Pieroni at hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk.

The Adult Choir will sing at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 17th September.

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 get one in the church and return by the extended closing date of 25th September

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.

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 for applications is now Sunday 25th September 2022.**

Parish Open Air Celebration Mass and Lunch on Sunday 25th September 2022 at Our Lady of Hartley School from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

The 11.00am Mass will be the only Sunday Mass on 25th September. Fr Patrick will return to celebrate Mass alongside our new parish priest, Fr Alphonsus and Certificates will be issued to those who have received Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation, during this year. This event is an open invitation, especially to those who have not been able to join our indoor celebrations recently.

Mass on the school playground will be followed by a barbecue and refreshments on the school field – we are not charging for food or refreshments but ask you to kindly leave a donation to cover costs.

Alongside the food, there will be various stalls and entertainment for us all to enjoy. The aim of this celebration is to give people a chance to mingle, get to know each other better, and build up a sense of community.

How can I help?

We are very grateful for all the donations and offers of help received so far, but we do need additional support to ensure everything goes well and that everyone helping gets the opportunity to have a break, socialise, and join in the fun.

- Volunteers to fetch and set up the altar, chairs, tables and light equipment for the attractions, starting from 8.30 am – and to clear up afterwards
- Unwanted jewellery and unused cosmetics and toiletries
- Cakes for the refreshment stall – please let us know when these would be coming, if possible
- Bottles of all sorts – full, of course
- Loose sweets and small jars full of sweets
- Loans of gazebos and hot plates or food warmers
- Food and helpers for a World Food stall

Please pray for good weather and we do hope you will be able to join us in person. Thankyou

Raffle tickets are on sale now, priced at £1 each, with some excellent prizes on offer.

Leaving Collection for Father Patrick: Fr Patrick will be coming back to celebrate the Open-Air Mass on the 25th September when we will present our gift to him then. **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, use a White

envelope in the foyer, marked "Fr Patrick", 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 Fr Patrick and all of you there, thank you for your kind support.

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

Visitation If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like a priest to visit, please contact Fr Alphonsus or the parish office, thank you

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. Alphonsus 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'.

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 and will be at St. George's Cathedral 19th-21st October 2022 and at The Friars, Aylesford 24th-28th October 2022. Visit stbernadette.org.uk

Job Vacancy: Our Lady of Hartley Catholic Primary School is looking for an efficient, flexible, friendly and reliable Teaching Assistant to join our highly successful school. You will need to be enthusiastic and a positive team player with excellent communication skills. Previous Teaching Assistant experience would be an advantage. The post is a temporary position from September 2022 until 31st

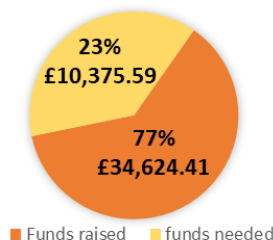
August 2023. Hours are negotiable, ideally between 20 and 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday, term-time only. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. To arrange an informal visit or for more information please contact the school

office@our-lady-hartley.kcsp.org.uk 01474706385

St Francis de Sales Parish 200 Club Annual Membership September 2022-August 2023 is now due and payment must be made by 12th September to be included in the September Draw. Our Welcome notice explaining how the 200 Club works, a 200 Club Rules notice - which must be read - and a Membership Application Form, are all available in the church, or on the parish website to download.

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

Thank you 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* put your £1 in an envelope marked with your GA number so we can claim back 25p on each £1 you give, thank you.

Offertory Collections and Second Collections: You may place your contribution in the Collection baskets inside the church after Mass OR **Use the Contactless Machine** in the porch by following the instructions or ask one of the Mass stewards.

If you are pay tax, *please* select the Gift Aid option.

Planned Giving and Gift-Aided Donations: *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 REGISTRATION: It is very important that you register yourself/your family on the Parish Database. Forms are available in the porch, or on the parish website return it to the parish office.

Baptism for babies and infants: Please attend a weekend Masses and speak with Fr. Alphonsus 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** You can contact Victoria on 07966 538458.

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 Alphonsus know so we can pray for you as a community.

Prayer Resources: www.pray-as-you-go.org.uk <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk/the-wednesday-word/>

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 September for Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.**

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 10th September

Morn: 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

Mass of Sunday

5.30pm Mass: Pat and Jim Gregory (Sue)

Sunday 11th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Education Sunday

2nd Collection: Catholic Ed. Service

08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer

08.30am Mass: Eileen O'Sullivan, Deceased, Anniversary. (Terry)

10.15am Mass: People of the Parish

Monday 12th September

Feria/The Most Holy Name of Mary

No Mass

Tuesday 13th September

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

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

09.30am Mass:

Wednesday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast

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

09.30am Mass: David Coffey, Deceased, Anniversary (Heather, Anna)

Thursday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial

Please note, No Mass at 9.30am

11.00am: Funeral Service for Mary Frances Ripley

Friday 16th September

Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop

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

09.30am Mass: Dora Denis, Deceased, Anniversary (William)

Saturday 17th September

Morn: Feria/St Robert Bellarmine/St Hildegard of Bingen/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

Mass of Sunday

5.30pm Mass: Intention of K.C. (Sue)

Sunday 18th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Home Mission Sunday

2nd Collection: Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation.

08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer

08.30am Mass: People of the Parish

10.15am Mass:

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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