



**Oratory of St. Francis de Sales**  
 Roman Catholic Parish  
 Archdiocese of Southwark



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**Parish Newsletter**  
**September 18th 2022**

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**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 140**

**Welcome to 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 of the church is primarily for anyone wishing to maintain social distancing.

**Tea/coffee** are served in the meeting room after weekend Masses, please join us.

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

**For Daily Prayer & Daily Mass Readings**, visit: <https://www.universalis.com/>

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY**

Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith & our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

**Pope Francis** calls on the Church to embark on a fundamental change of direction when it comes to evangelisation, no longer relying on past structures and actions but to read the signs of the times and act passionately in proclaiming the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart. He says: "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."

EG, §27. ***Please take home with you today a Evangelii Gaudium Novena Prayer***

**OPEN AIR PARISH MASS IN CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS RECEIVED IN 2022**

Please remember there will be NO 8:30am Mass next Sunday 25th September as we will all gather for our celebration at 11:00am, at Our Lady of Hartley School. Afterwards, please do stay for BBQ lunch, refreshments and drinks on the field. We'll have activities for children & adults, and our Raffle draw. Please speak to the organisers after Mass to sign up if you can help in any way at all, thank you.

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Sat Vigil 5:30pm**

**8:30am**

**10:15am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Tues-Fri 9.30am**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Tues-Fri**

**8.40 -9.20am**

**Sat**

**4.30-5.20pm**

**or by appointment**

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: TUES, THURS, FRI 10.00am-2.00pm - Tel 01474705361**

**Parish Priest: Fr Alphonsus Beni CSSp**

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**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST**

**DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**Tel: 07500262446**

**Sacramental Co-ordinator: Kate Whittaker**

**Parish Safeguarding Rep: Victoria Foley**

## PARISH NOTICES

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

From next weekend, 24th September, we will cease to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at our weekend Masses. Adoration will continue before our weekday Masses, Tuesday- Friday 8:45-9:20am

### **PARISH TRIP TO MINSTER ABBEY IN THANET**

**Saturday 8 October 2022**

It is almost time to make a coach booking! If you are interested in joining this trip, please leave a note of your name and contact details in the box in the church entrance.

### **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, thankyou.

### **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 any non perishable foods and items in the Food Bank Box situated in the porch, thankyou.

### **SEEKING SANCTUARY**

Donations of toiletries, hats gloves, and 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'.

### **PRESENTATION FOR FR 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. Please make any contribution using online methods, the Collection baskets or at the parish office, cheques payable to RCAS Hartley. Thankyou for your kind support. We look forward to seeing Fr Patrick next weekend.

## CATACHETICAL PROGRAMMES

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

All children preparing for First Holy Communion should attend Youth Choir Practise on Sunday 18th September at 9:30am in OLOH School.

### **MEETING WITH FHC PARENTS**

Fr Alphonsus will meet with all parents of FHC candidates after the 10:15am Mass this Sunday 18th September in Our Lady of Hartley School.

### **YOUTH CHOIR**

Choir Practise on Sunday 18th September in OLOH School. Please drop your child at the school for 9:30am and collect them again from the school after the 10:15am Mass. **The Youth Choir will sing at the Open Air Mass on Sunday 25th September**

### **BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS**

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend a weekend Masses and speak with Fr. Alphonsus afterwards for advise.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

For children YR-Y2 will take place Sunday 18th September during 10.15am Mass. Please note, NO Children's Liturgy next Sunday 25th 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.***

### **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 and return to the presbytery. ***The closing date for applications is Sunday 25th September 2022.***

## REGULAR NOTICES

### PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new parishioners to St Francis de Sales, Hartley. We want you to feel at home in the parish. The first thing to do is to register yourself/ your family on the Parish registration Database. **Parish Registration Forms** are available in the porch, or on the parish website to complete and return to the parish office.

### ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

**A FINAL CALL** for members to renew their membership or for you to join as a new member before we make the first draw next weekend. Information, forms and details for payment are available in the church porch and on the parish website.

Because of the Open Air Mass the September draw will take place on Friday 23rd after the 9:30am Mass.

**THATCH FUND: funding stands at £34,686.41**

**£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* put your £1 in an envelope marked with your GA number so we can claim back 25p on each £1 you give, thankyou. You can also donate via

[www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS AND 2nd 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 asking 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) One off Donation

### TO MAKE A DONATION

**Parish Account: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33**

**Thatch Fund Account: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34363181 sort code: 60-06-33**

*Thankyou for your ongoing support and generosity to the parish. God Bless you.*

## A NOTE FROM SEMINARIAN LAWRENCE MENDY

Dear Beautiful Family of St. Francis De Sales, Hartley I bring you greetings of peace from Salford, Manchester. May the Blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

I write to express my sincere thanks to you for the moments we shared together especially during my stay in your midst. You are indeed a blessing to me.

For the many ways you supported me especially when I was leaving for my new appointment, I have no parish to compare you to. May God replenish all your efforts abundantly.

Apparently, your cards are memories I will carry with me wherever I go. I say Amen to all the prayers and wishes written and in the silence of your hearts.

However, be assured that the token given me will surely be used wisely, most especially in my formation journey. A journey that comprises of human formation, intellectual formation (academics), spiritual formation, and pastoral formation. It is going to be of great help in my academics and community. May God bless everyone of you.

You are my family and joy. I will miss you all but my prayers are with you. Keep praying for me.

Yours in Christ, Lawrence Mendy.

### 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 of St Bernadette will be at St. George's Cathedral 19th-21st October 2022 and at The Friars, Aylesford 24th-28th October 2022.

The churches and cathedrals hosting St Bernadette's relics have a fixed capacity for visitors. To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, visitors will be asked to register to attend with a dedicated timeslot. Further details of how to book your place will be shared on this page in the coming weeks. To register please go to

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

**Please visit [stbernadette.org.uk](https://stbernadette.org.uk) for more information.**

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Amos 8: 4-7** - Against those who 'buy up the poor for money'

***Psalm Response*** - *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor*

**1 Timothy 2: 1-8** - There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved

**Luke 16: 10-13** - You cannot be the slave both of God and of money

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS**

### **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Amos 6: 1, 4-7** - Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled

***Psalm Response*** - *My soul, give praise to the Lord*

**1 Timothy 6: 11-16** - Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.

### **PARISH GROUP MEETINGS**

#### **ADULT CHOIR**

Every Thursday at 8:00pm in the church, unless stated otherwise in the newsletter. New members welcome.  
Contact: Yvonne Hegarty at yhegarty@talktalk.net

#### **KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm in the church meeting room. New members welcome.  
Contact: William Rons at williamrons@hotmail.com

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

Monthly meetings. Contact through the parish office  
Hartley@rcaos.org.uk

#### **CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)**

Second Wednesday each month in the church meeting room at 2:00pm, unless stated otherwise in the newsletter. All are welcome.

Contact: Margaret Walsh through the parish office

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

Leaders' meetings take place in the church meeting room. Contact: Laura Bourne through the parish office

## **Offertory Collection 10th/11th September 2022**

**Envelopes: £64.00**

**Loose Plate: £68.50**

**September Standing Order totals will be noted in the newsletter on the first week of October**

**2nd Collection, Catholic Ed. Service: £48.00**

**Thatch Fund: £62.00**

***Thankyou for your generosity and support***

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 17th/18th September: Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation.**

### **IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR**

#### **ALL OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

*Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**RIP:** Mary Frances Ripley, David Coffey, Pat and Jim Gregory, Dora Denis, Eileen O'Sullivan and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like someone to be prayed for please take one of the MASS OFFERING envelopes in the church porch and fill in the details, stating your preferred day/date. Please do leave a contact number so that your preferred time can be confirmed. Return the envelope to the presbytery, White Friars, or bring it when you come to Mass. All Mass intention names will be written in the frame at Our Lady's Shrine, unless you request otherwise. Thankyou.

**PRAYER RESOURCES** [www.pray-as-you-go.org.uk](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org.uk)

#### **Pope Francis' 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.*

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary:  
hartley@rcaos.org.uk. **Newsletter items received after 11:00am Friday may not be included that week.**

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