



Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 143

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/>

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month - this year sees the 108th WDMR. We are asked to pray and to remember migrants, refugees, displaced persons- through war, persecution, climate change- and all those on the move seeking a better life.

In our parishes and in our neighbourhoods, we can see that migration is a reality. There are many people from other countries. The Holy Father Pope Francis has chosen the theme this year 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees'.

He appeals to us to adopt an attitude of welcome to those who live among us, reminding us that they can revitalise our communities and enliven celebrations in our parishes. Their presence is a witness to the Catholicity of God's people. Without undermining or devaluing our own culture and values, we are asked to be open to the treasure and the variety of gifts that migrants and refugees bring to our communities.

Prayer for World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 5:30pm

Mass Intention:

Bernadette Connelly
 R.I.P.

Sunday 25th Sept

11.00am at OLOH

School, Stack Lane

Mass Intention:

People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: 9.30am

Mass Intention:

In Loving Memory of
 Rianna Kaur Deol, on
 her 21st Birthday.

Wed: 9.30am

Thurs: 9.30am

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

Email: alphonsusbeni@rcaos.org.uk (**Day off: Mon**)

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST

DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

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hartley@rcaos.org.uk

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Sacramental Co-ordinator: Kate Whittaker

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Victoria Foley

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OPEN AIR MASS and CELEBRATION

Please remember there will be NO 8:30am Mass on Sunday 25th September as we will have one celebration, 11:00am at Our Lady of Hartley School. Fr Alphonsus and Fr Patrick will celebrate Mass together and afterwards, please do stay for BBQ lunch, refreshments and drinks on the field. We'll have some fun stalls for children & adults, and our Raffle draw. If you can help in any way at all with setting up please come along early Sunday morning, thanks so much.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We no longer 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 8th 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.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

September Draw winners 1st prize: No. 42 £50. 2nd prize: No. 104 C. Shirley £25. Congratulations both.

A message from Frank and Caroline Stanley

Thank you to the Parish of St Francis de Sales for our breakaway holiday to Murcia in Spain. We had a wonderful time. The weather, tapas and wine were all good. The hotel was very central to be able to walk to all the main places of interest and we walked all over the city.

We managed to attend Mass at the Cathedral and we found a tiny chapel with perpetual 24/7 adoration. We both had a very relaxed and enjoyable holiday. Thank you everybody.

CATACHETICAL PROGRAMMES

Parishioners are asked to first check the SACRAMENTS section on the parish website; it has general information on the programmes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

All children preparing for First Holy Communion are members of the Youth Choir and should attend the Open Air Mass, please arrive by 10.40am. Our next Preparation Class is on Sunday 1st October 9.30am.

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend a weekend Mass and speak with Fr. Alphonsus afterwards to register for the course.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For children in YR-Y2, their Liturgy takes place during 10.15am Sunday Mass. Please note, NO Children's Liturgy this 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.***

RETURN TO MASS

Recently, the bishops of England and Wales issued a statement about the obligation of Sunday Mass for those who wish to be practising Catholics. In essence they say: "We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply". The statement is called an "Invitation" for all to be putting Sunday and Holy Day worship in first place.

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. The Church has long held that those unable to exercise their Sunday obligation due to poor health are exempt.

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK PROCESS

You are required to give 6 MONTHS NOTICE of MARRIAGE – whether it is taking place HERE or ABROAD. Couples or individuals should speak to a Priest VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS – so that there is no last minute rush.

OUR LADY OF HARTLEY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For news, visit www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk

VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like a priest to visit, please contact Fr Alphonsus directly 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 any non perishable foods and items in the Food Bank Box situated in the porch, thank you.

SEEKING SANCTUARY

Donations of toiletries, hats gloves, and 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 FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

To become a 200 Club member, Information, forms and details for payment are available in the church porch and on the parish website. Membership for October 2022 Draw 2022 through to August 2023 Draw is still open. Please speak to Tina Shirley or Kate Whittaker for any assistance needed.

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at £34,756.41 of the £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, thank you.

You can also donate via our JustGiving page – go to 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

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.

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 <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>
For more details please visit stbernadette.org.uk

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

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.

Luke 16:19-31 – Good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 – The upright man will live by his faithfulness

Psalm Response – *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.*

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 – Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord

Luke 17:5-10 – If only you had faith!

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

ADULT CHOIR

Every Thursday at 7:30pm 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 confidentially 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 parish 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 17th/18th September 2022

Envelopes: £88.30

Loose Plate: £79.00

Contactless: £15.00

2nd Collection: AEC (Home Mission) £49.50

Thatch Fund: £34,756.41

September Standing Order totals will be noted in the newsletter in October

Thankyou for your generosity and support

Our 2nd Collection this weekend 24th/25th September will go to support the work of CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

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 intentions will be published in the newsletter and names written in the prayer frame at Our Lady's Shrine, unless you request otherwise. Thankyou.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention in September:

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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