

Oratory of St. Francis de Sales, Roman Catholic Parish *September 4th 2022*
Archdiocese of Southwark



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 133

1st Reading: wisdom 9:13-18 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

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 anyone needing social distance.

Our Communion Procession during Mass will begin on the right side of the church, from front row to back row, then the left side followed by anyone in the Meeting room. If you please wait for the Mass stewards to direct you, thankyou.

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.

Please pray for all our sick parishioners, at home or in hospital, and for their families & caregivers.

First Holy Communion Preparation Class: resumes Sunday 4th September at 9.30am in OLOH School.

Youth Choir: Practise on Sunday 18th September 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School.

Seminarian Lawrence Mendy will be leaving the parish on Monday 12th September to continue his formation with the Spiritans in Manchester. If anyone would like to give a personal gift to Lawrence, please do so by next Sunday, thankyou.

WE WELCOME FR ALPHONSUS BENI, CSSP

Fr Alphonsus Beni, CSSp is a Ghanaian by birth. He joined the Spiritan Congregation in 1995 in Kumasi after having taught as a professional teacher with the Ghana Education Service for two years. He took his first vows in Ejisu, Ghana on the 8th of September, 1997 and continued with his philosophical studies also in Ejisu, Ghana. He did his pastoral experience in Sierra Leone from 2000 to 2001. In August 2001 he was enrolled in the Spiritan Formation Community in Langata, Nairobi, Kenya for his theological studies in Tangaza College, now Tangaza University. He took his final vows on the 28th of August, 2004 and was ordained a Deacon the next day. On the 16th of July, 2005 he was ordained priest in Wa Cathedral, Ghana.

He worked as an assistant priest in the Archdiocese of Kumasi for one year before moving to the Diocese of Navrongo – Bolgatanga for another one year after which he was appointed Postulant and Vocations Director for the Province of Ghana in 2008. In 2010, he was appointed Registrar and lecturer of the Spiritan University College and was later given an additional responsibility as the Vice Rector in 2014.

Fr Alphonsus has separate undergraduate degrees and diplomas in Philosophy, Religious Studies, Theology and a master's degree in Educational Administration. He has a PhD in geography and rural development from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. His research interest is in developmental issues, poverty

reduction and Education. He has published articles in peer-reviewed International Journals on developmental related issues. His first book publication was on the 'Challenges of Financial Administration in Public Senior High Schools'. His second book publication was on 'The Effects of Formal Education on Poverty Reduction in Ghana'.

Fr Alphonsus was appointed to UK for his sabbaticals after 11 years in the Formation house and Spiritan University College community. His first appointment in the UK was in SS Michael & Martin Parish, Hounslow, London as assistant priest and from 01/09/2022 as Parish Priest in St Francis De Sales Parish, Hartley.

Leaving Collection for Father Patrick: Fr Patrick took up his new position as parish priest in Our Lady of Lourdes in Acton, London on Wednesday 31st August. As the announcement of his departure was made during the holiday period, Fr Patrick has been invited to come back and celebrate the Open-Air Mass on the 25th September and we will present our gift to him then. This will give us all 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. **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 Fr Patrick and all of you there, thank you for your kind support.

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

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 at the 11.00am Open Air Mass on 25th September. All primary and secondary school children are welcome to join, just come along to the practise.

Parish Open Air Celebration Mass and Lunch on Sunday 25th September 2022 at Our Lady of Hartley School.

Please join us for this important occasion for our parish community.

Throughout the summer, people have begun signing up for various tasks, and donating in whatever way they can and we are very grateful. Those of us who have been away can now join them!

After Mass, we will all move onto the Playing Field to share lunch. As well as barbecue, we are hoping to have a World Food stall – Can you help?

There will be time for us to socialise and have fun with activities after lunch. We hope that there will be lots of offers to set things up beforehand, to run stalls and to clear up afterwards. We will continue to be available after Masses on the coming weekends for people to sign up to help. Donations of food, drinks, and other items can be dropped off in advance. Please decide how you can help to make this a successful and memorable event.

It is not a fundraising event, but we hope that any kind donations will cover our costs.

Tickets for a raffle to be drawn on the day will be on sale after weekend Masses, priced at £1 each.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and your kind support—we hope to see you all there!

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

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.** Please contact the parish office for further information.

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

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. 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. Thankyou

Seeking Sanctuary: Donations of toiletries, hats gloves, 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'.

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

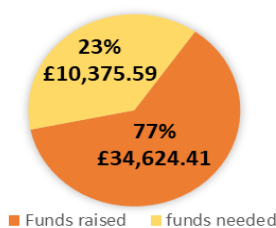
St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales and will be at St. George's Cathedral 19th-21st October 2022 and at The Friars, Aylesford 24th-28th October 2022. Visit stbernadette.org.uk

Job Vacancy at Our Lady of Hartley School: Breakfast Club Assistant. Working hours: 7.30am-9.00am, 3 mornings each week during school term. For further information, please contact the school office: office@our-lady-hartley.kcsp.org.uk

St Francis de Sales Parish 200 Club: August Draw winners: 1st prize: no.6 Maureen Wilde £50. 2nd prize no.8 £12.50. **Annual Membership is now due for September 2022-August 2023 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.

Thankyou for your £1 a Week donation.



■ Funds raised ■ funds needed

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 reach our target sooner, thankyou.**

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: *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



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 REGISTRATION: It is important that you register yourself/your family on the Parish Database. Forms are available in the porch, or on the parish website, please fill in and 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@safeguardraos.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/>
<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 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 3rd September 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 in the Confessional 5.00-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish
Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 4th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2nd Collection: Lighting repairs	08.00-08.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 08.30am Mass: 10.15am Mass: For students and teachers in the new academic year. 12.00noon Baptism: Louie Oliveiro Fernandes
Monday 5th September Feria	No Mass
Tuesday 6th September Feria	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
Wednesday 7th September Feria	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
Thursday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass:
Friday 9th September Feria/St. Peter Claver, Priest	08.45-09.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer 09.30am Mass: John Maurice Butson, Deceased, Birthday (William)
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 5.30pm Mass: Pat and Jim Gregory (Sue)
Mass of Sunday	
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

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. Editor reserves the right to edit articles.

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