



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



This parish is served by the Spiritans

Parish Newsletter
October 16th 2022

White Friars Church Road, Hartley, Kent DA3 8DW

Tel: 01474 705361

Email hartley@rcaos.org.uk

Web: <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

[StFrancisDeSalesHartley](https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisDeSalesHartley)

[sfdhartley](https://twitter.com/sfdhartley) [sfdhartley](https://www.instagram.com/sfdhartley)

<https://tinyurl.com/vc7w838m>

St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 152

Welcome to everyone joining us today for Mass. 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.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Tuesday-Friday before Mass, from 8:45am-9:20am

BISHOP EMERITUS HOWARD TRIPP RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Howard Tripp who died on 3rd October 2022. His funeral will take place at St. George's Cathedral. On Wednesday 2nd November at 18:00, Reception of the Body, followed by Mass of All Souls' Day. Thursday 3rd November at 12:30, Solemn Requiem Mass, followed by interment in the Cathedral vault. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

ST. BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022

The relics of St Bernadette are on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for all people 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.** Visitors can attend with a dedicated timeslot. Register here: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/> For more, visit stbernadette.org.uk

NOVEMBER- MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in this month of prayers for the faithful departed, please take one of the NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS envelopes in the church porch and fill in the details. Return the envelope to the presbytery White Friars, or bring it when you come to Mass, by November 1st. All names will be listed in our Holy Souls Remembrance Book which is placed by the Altar during the month of November.

**The church is open
Tues-Fri**

08.45am-4.00pm

Sat 10.00am-6.30pm

Sun 7.45am-12noon

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 5:30pm

Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 08.30am

Int:

Sunday 10.15am

Int:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: 9.30am

Wed: 9.30am

Thurs: 9.30am

Fri: 9.30am

CONFESSIONS

Tues-Fri

8.40 -9.20am

Saturday

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

Tel:07500262446

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton

Email: hartley@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Safeguarding Representative: Victoria Foley

PARISH NOTICES

TRIP TO MINSTER ABBEY

18 parishioners enjoyed a journey to Minster Abbey in Thanet on a wonderfully sunny day last weekend, receiving a welcome, refreshment, and a time of prayer and guided reflection with the community of Benedictine sisters. Thankyou to the organisers.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday 1st November. This is a Holyday of Obligation for Catholics to attend Mass.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

Wednesday 2nd November. Mass at 9.30am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- 13th NOVEMBER 2022

Our parish will lead the Remembrance Day Service this year at Hartley War Memorial at 3pm. All are invited to join in praying for those who gave their lives in service during the World Wars.

QUIZ NITE- A DATE TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

'Friends of St Francis' are holding a quiz at Our Lady of Hartley School on Saturday 12th November. The doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £3 per person. Why not make up a table with some friends – maximum of 8? Please bring your own nibbles and drinks etc. To order tickets please contact: Kate 01474 874045 or email: kags52@btinternet.com Tina 01474 872847 or email: tinashirley28@gmail.com

CATACHETICAL PROGRAMMES

Parishioners are asked to first check the **SACRAMENTS** section on the parish website; it has general information on the programmes. Please speak with Fr Alphonsus for further advice.

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 TO Y2

Takes place in the church meeting room on Sundays at 10.15am Mass, in school term time only. **Please bring your child directly into the meeting room when you arrive for Mass.** Victoria, Sarah and Tendai will be there to greet the children and will

bring them in to join you after the Prayer of Faithful. Please note, there will be No Children's Liturgy on Sunday 23rd or 30th October. Thankyou.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The next Preparation Class is on Sunday 16th October 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School. **Please collect your child from the school after 10.15am Mass this Sunday, and NOT from the church meeting room.**

CONFIRMATION IN 2023

If any young person in school year 8 or above by September 2022 would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, please apply as soon as possible. Application Forms are available in the church porch or on the parish website to download and return to the parish office. The program will begin in November 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. Application forms are available on the website or in the church. Please speak to Fr Alphonsus if you are interested in joining the course this year. Lessons take place Saturdays at 10.00am.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Any adult who does not receive Communion, please do come and speak with Fr Alphonsus to for guidance.

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

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.

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 the latest news, please visit the school website at 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. **Please ask you not to leave perishable goods in the porch.**

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’.

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 FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

To become a 200 Club member, the relevant Information, forms and details for payment are available in the church porch and on the parish website. Speak to Tina Shirley or Kate Whittaker for further assistance. Our October Draw will take place after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 30th October.

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at £34,872.96 of the £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. You can also donate via our JustGiving page – go to www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AIDED DONATIONS

If you are a taxpayer, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, 25p in every £1 can be claimed back by the parish. 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 AN ONLINE DONATION Parish Account: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33 Thank you for your ongoing support.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholic and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Each Friday in October, at www.cbcew.org.uk we travel as virtual pilgrims to a different Marian Shrine.

To assist us with praying the Rosary this month, visit <https://rosarycenter.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Exodus 17: 8-13 - As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Psalm Response- *Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth*

St Paul to Timothy - The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Luke: 181-8 - God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 - The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

Psalm Response- *This poor man called; the Lord heard him.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18— All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Luke 18: 9-14 - God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

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. Contact Margaret Walsh through the parish office

YOUTH GROUP

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 9th OCTOBER 2022

Envelopes: £97.00 Loose Plate: £48.65

Contactless: £15.00

2nd Collection for CAFOD £168.70

Thatch Fund: £26.55

Thankyou for your generosity and support

Our 2nd Collection this weekend 15th/16th October: PACT- Prisons' Charity

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. *If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return your envelopes directly to Missio. Do not put them in the Church collection.* Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](https://www.missio.org.uk)

Our 2nd Collection 23rd October is for Missio

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

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.**

Editor reserves the right to edit articles. A parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark.

CIO Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050