



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

**Parish Newsletter**  
**October 23rd 2022**

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 155

### REFLECTION ON MISSION SUNDAY

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October.

This year, Mission Sunday falls on 23rd October, the entire Catholic Church will be unified in prayer and support of mission. Each year, World Mission Sunday is coordinated by *Missio* and celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

World Mission Sunday is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. The theme the Holy Father has chosen this year is: **'You shall be my witnesses'** (Acts 1:8). In his message for World Mission Sunday, he says:

'The same Spirit which guides the universal Church also inspires ordinary men and women to undertake extraordinary missions. And so it was that two hundred years ago, a young French woman – Blessed Pauline Jaricot – founded the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (Missio's APF). She established a network of prayer and fundraising for missionaries, so that the faithful could actively participate in God's mission "to the ends of the earth". This brilliant idea gave rise to the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday'.

As Missio celebrated the beatification of one of their founders – Blessed Pauline Jaricot – in May this year, World Mission Sunday is a particularly special global celebration for the Holy Father's charity for world mission.

Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National Director in England and Wales, shares: 'The Holy Father reminds us that the words "to the ends of the earth" challenge and urge us to go beyond familiar places in bearing witness to Jesus: "For all the benefits of modern travel, there are still geographical areas in which missionary witnesses of Christ have not arrived to bring the Good News of his love".'

**Supporting World Mission Sunday with prayer and charitable giving are two vital ways of supporting the Church's missionary witnesses to the ends of the earth'.**

**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:** Mary Cecilia  
Rons R.I.P.

**Sunday 08.30am**

**Int:**

**Sunday 10.15am**

**Int:** People of the  
Parish

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tues:** 9.30am

**Wed:** 9.30am

**Thurs:** 9.30am

**Fri:** 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament at 8.50am

### 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**

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**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST**

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **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.

### **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 any 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**

There will be No Children's Liturgy on Sunday 23rd/30th October. Next Liturgy will be Sunday 6th Nov.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

The next Preparation Class is on Sunday 6th November 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School. **Please collect your child from the school after 10.15am Mass.**

### **CONFIRMATION IN 2023**

**The program will start on Tuesday 8th November at 6.30pm in the church meeting room.**

If any young person in school year 8 or above by September 2022 would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, Application Forms are available in the church porch or on the parish website, please return completed forms to the parish office by Sunday 6th November latest.

**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, you are welcome to join. Application forms are available on the parish website or in the church. Please speak to Fr Alphonsus if you are interested in joining the course this year. **Lessons take place on Saturdays at 10.00am in the church meeting room.**

### **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

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

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

In the meeting room– all are welcome to join us.

### 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](http://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, 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

Non perishable items can be left in the Food Bank Box in the Meeting Room at Mass time or in the box in the porch. Please do not leave any unwrapped perishable goods in the porch. Thankyou so much.

### 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 NEEDED.

Toiletries, hats, gloves & warm clothing for young men, can be left in the blue box in the meeting room. Thankyou for your kindness to those in need.

## 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 **£35,035.56** 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, thankyou. You can also donate via our JustGiving page – go to [www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley](http://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**. **Online donations can be made to the Parish Account: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33** Thank you

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) we travel as virtual pilgrims to a different Marian Shrine. Also visit <https://rosarycenter.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

### VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO ST GEORGE’S CATHEDRAL. [www.rcaos.org.uk/relics22](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/relics22)

**Livestreamed Services: Wednesday 19th October at 6 pm, Solemn Mass.** Principal Celebrant: Archbishop John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/JSf0gFqQuEc>

**Thursday 20th October at 6 pm, Solemn Mass.** Principal Celebrant: Fr Michael Branch, Cathedral Dean. Link: <https://youtu.be/kXbAsN87O34>

## FUNERAL OF BISHOP EMERITUS HOWARD TRIPP

Solemn Requiem Mass will take place at St. George's Cathedral, Thursday 3rd November at 12:30, followed by interment in the Cathedral vault. ***May he rest in peace and rise in glory.***

### TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

#### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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

**Psalms 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.

Daily Prayer/Mass readings: <https://www.universalis.com/>

### TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

#### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Wisdom 11:22-12:2** You are merciful to all because you love all that exists

**Psalms Response:** *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King*

**2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2** The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

**Luke 19:1-10** The son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:williamrons@hotmail.com)

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

Monthly meetings. Contact confidentially through the parish office [Hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION 16th OCTOBER 2022

**Envelopes: £29.50   Loose Plate: £98.65**

**Contactless machine: £25.00**

**2nd Collection for PACT: £37.50**

**Thatch Fund: £162.60**

***October Bank Standing Order donations will be noted in November.***

*Thankyou for your generosity and support*  
***Our 2nd Collection this weekend will go to support the work of Missio.***

***Please help Missio raise an extra 25p for every £1 donates by completing the Gift Aid form on the Donation envelopes. Thankyou so much.***

***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](http://missio.org.uk)

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### 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*

***In October we pray with Pope Francis: for the Church, ever faithful and courageous in preaching the Gospel; may it be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.***

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

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