



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



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**Parish Newsletter**  
**October 2nd 2022**

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**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 146**

**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/>

**OCTOBER – 'THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY'**

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honours and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she"142 (Mediator Dei). Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life,"(Ingravescentibus malis) but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year. Therewith the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ. — Mariology, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. Before the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus, he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons. We therefore pray the rosary with faith and devotion for peace in our families, in our communities and in war torn countries, that through the intercession of our Blessed Mother of God, light will overcome darkness, life overcome death and peace overcome war.

**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**

**Mass Intention:**

People of the Parish

**Sunday**

**08.30am**

**10.15am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.50am-9.20am**

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

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST**

**DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

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**Safeguarding Representative: Victoria Foley**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **PARISH OPEN AIR MASS and CELEBRATION.**

Congratulations to all those who received their Certificates of Sacrament last Sunday and a heartfelt thankyou to everyone who was able to attend the Celebration Mass, all those who participated in any way, especially our young readers and our Youth and Adult choirs, and to all the donors and helpers who set things up, ran the stalls and tidied up afterwards. May God bless you.

### **A MESSAGE FROM FR. PATRICK**

‘My two years in Hartley was a period of learning, grace and a blessing. My time in the parish was a happy one and I will forever cherish it.

Thanks to everyone in the parish for your prayers, guidance, selfless support, generosity and amazing love. I will forever be grateful. God bless you all.

Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSP’.

### **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.

### **CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE**

Our next CWC meeting will be Wednesday 12th October, starting at 2pm when we will have a talk given by a Nutritionist. Please come along to enjoy the talk, the company, and the refreshments. All are very welcome. I look forward to seeing you. Margaret Walsh.

### **THE HART MAGAZINE**

Seminarian Lawrence Mendy has written the main article in the Hart this month. Please look out for copies of the Hart in the Church Porch this weekend. 50p per copy or see Carol about setting up a subscription.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you can spare a 1 or 2 hours each week to help with the weekly cleaning at White Friars, please contact the parish office 01474705361, thankyou.

### **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**

The next Preparation Class is on Sunday 1st October 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School. All

### **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.

### **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 as soon as possible. Please speak with Fr Alphonsus if you would like to discuss anything about RCIA.***

### **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.

### **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 news, visit [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

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’.

### 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. 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. Thankyou for your support.

### THATCH FUND

**Our funding stands at £34,816.41 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, 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)

### 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 DIRECTLY 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

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](http://stbernadette.org.uk)

## TEXTS FOR THIS 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!

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Prisoners' Sunday**

**2 Kings 5:14-17**– *Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord*

**Psalm Response**– *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**2 Timothy 2: 8-13**– If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ

**Luke 17:11-19** - No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.

## 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

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

## **Offertory Collection 24th/25th September 2022**

**Envelopes: £25.00 Loose Plate: £215.80**

**Contactless: £7.00**

**2nd Collection: CSAN £90.35**

**Thatch Fund: £34,756.41**

**Leaving Collections for Fr Patrick: £1,600.00**

**September Standing Orders: £2,042.00**

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 1st/2nd**

**October: Altar Flowers for the month of October**

*Thankyou for your generosity and support*

**CAFOD Family Fast Day, World Food Crisis Appeal-Friday 7th October.** Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa Please save money on Friday 5th to pass on next weekend using the envelope that enables Gift Aid to be claimed, or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday) to donate online or set up a monthly gift. **Our 2nd Collection next Sunday 8th/9th October will go to CAFOD, thankyou.**

## **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**

Please take one of the MASS OFFERING envelopes in the church porch and fill in all the details, Return the envelope to White Friars, or 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 October:** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church 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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