



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

**Parish Newsletter**  
**October 30th 2022**

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## THIRTY – FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 158

### A BRIEF REFLECTION OF THE FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

My favorite feasts of the liturgical year are the twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls, which actually seem to be one two-day feast. I think that is explained by the first word of both: “All.” Everyone is there - we the living, all who have gone before us and all who will come after, variously described as “a great multitude,” “a cloud of witnesses” and “every race, nation, people and tongue.”

How comforting this is! All our families and friends. Certainly, look forward to the celebration when “Will we all meet in Heaven? O what a joy even to think of it!” Is there a distinction between “saints” and “souls”? There is if we consider only the canonized as the first. But I think of us all as the Communion of Saints, all of us joining together with one voice. As we experience so painfully at this time, the more divided, insulated and exclusive we are, the more our vision and openness narrow. “We” no longer includes “all” and separates us from “them.”

I don’t believe we have to wait until we get to Heaven to experience what these feasts celebrate. A previous translation in the liturgy proclaimed, “Life is changed, not taken away.” People live not only in our memories, but also in our presence. Is not prayer a communication, not only with God, but with the saints and souls?

These feasts invite us to do more than remember. They invite us to see and join that great multitude, that cloud of witnesses here and now. They give us a glimpse of what we might mean by “All.”

All you holy saints of God, pray for and with us now.

**The Feast of All Saints is a Holy day of Obligation to attend Mass, and as such, there will be two Masses here on Tuesday 1st November – 9.30am and 8.00pm. Mass on the Feast of All Souls’ Day Wednesday 2nd November will be at 9.30am**

### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in this month, please take a NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS envelope from the church porch, fill in the details and return the envelope to the presbytery, or when you come to Mass. Names will be listed in our Remembrance Book which is placed by the Altar during 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:** David Brennan  
 R.I.P. (Blackheath and Chislehurst Catenians)

**Sunday 10.15am**

**Int:** Mary Naguib, for her wellbeing

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tues: 9.30am and 8.00pm**

**All Saints, Solemnity**

**Wed: 9.30am**

**Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

**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](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 MASS FOR DECEASED RELATIVES**

On Saturday 26th November at 12 noon, Mass will be offered for all our deceased parishioners and relatives, and those named in our Remembrance Book. We would like you to bring photos of your loved ones who have died and place them in front of the Altar as we continue to remember them and pray for them. Please do not place photographs of anyone not related to you in front of the altar without first having the consent of their family, thank you for your consideration.

### **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

### **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.

### **VOLUNTEER VACANCY FOR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE**

The role of the Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) is to help promote a culture of safeguarding, where the parish community is aware of safeguarding issues, and help ensure safeguarding is understood as an essential part of the life and ministry of the Church.

If you would like more information about the role of the Parish Safeguarding Rep or would be interested in applying to become a Rep or would like an informal discussion regarding the role, then please contact Father Alphonsus, for further information on the recruitment process.

### **KENT CHURCHES BIKE AND HIKE**

'This year's event raised £665, to be divided between the organisation and our own Parish. Many thanks to our proud walkers, and all our generous sponsors.' Carol.

## **ARTWORK ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE CHURCH**

This weekend we hear the Gospel story of Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus, and was called by Jesus to come down from the tree. We would like to thank Our Lady of Hartley Primary School for the illustration of the Zacchaeus story, which can now be seen in the display cabinet outside the church, and for the previous images of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

## **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. If you have not yet registered your family on the parish database, please complete and submit a Parish Registration Form, available from the church or parish website, thank you.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY – FOR CHILDREN YR TO Y2**

There will be No Children's Liturgy on Sunday 30th October. Our 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 would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, Application Forms are available in the church porch or on the parish website. Parents should speak to Fr Alphonsus and return completed forms to the parish office.

**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. **Lesson take place on Saturday 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.

## 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 WEEKEND MASSES

All are invited to join us in the meeting room for tea, coffee, or juice; children are most welcome.

### 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. Thankyou so much for your support.

## 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. **Our October Draw will take place after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 30th October.**

## THATCH FUND

**Our funding stands at £35,134.81 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** (vi) **use Contactless machine.** **Online donations to: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33 Thank you**

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### FUNERAL OF BISHOP EMERITUS HOWARD TRIPP

**Wednesday 2nd November 2022 18:00 Reception**

of the Body, followed by Mass of All Souls' Day

**Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 12:30**, Solemn Requiem Mass will take place at St. George's Cathedral, followed by internment in the Cathedral vault. Please note that the Requiem Mass on Thursday 3rd November will also be live-streamed, click here <https://youtu.be/DIRQR09tCzM>.

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

### TEXTS FOR THIS 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

**Psalm 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.

**Tuesday 1st November:** All Saints, Solemnity

**Wednesday 2nd November:** Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Feast.

**FOR DAILY PRAYERS AND MASS READINGS ONLINE, VISIT**

<https://www.universalis.com/>

### TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

#### **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14** The King of the world will raise us up to live again for ever.

**Psalm Response** *I shall be filled, when I awake, with the gift of your glory, O Lord*

**2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3:5** May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say

### 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. 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.

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION 23rd OCTOBER 2022**

**Envelopes: £37.00 Loose Plate: £76.60**

**Contactless machine: £25.00**

**2nd Collection for Missio: £116.69**

**Thatch Fund: £99.25**

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

*Thankyou for your generosity and support*

**2nd Collection this weekend 30th October:**

**Fire Safety Maintenance costs (Offset)**

#### **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*

#### **PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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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