



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



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**Parish Newsletter**  
**October 9th 2022**

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**28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 149**

**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/>

**Prisons' week Sunday 9th October – Saturday 15th October 2022**

For nearly fifty years now, Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.

The Gospel reading this Sunday will tell the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers. These were people in the time of Jesus who were isolated and excluded from the community.

**Prisons Week** raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their own communities. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind.

**Prayers for this week at:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prisons-week-prayers/>

As we are supporting CAFOD this week, our 2nd Collection next Sunday 16th October, will go to support the work of PACT, the national Catholic charity providing support for prisoners and their families.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION**

**CAFOD** made an emergency grant of £50,000 to Somalia on Friday to assist the ongoing response there that is being coordinated by Caritas agencies. **Please be generous in your offerings to CAFOD with this weekend's 2nd Collection, as the impact of the severe drought in East Africa shows no sign of abating.**

**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:** Bernie Harbinson  
 Thanksgiving for 90th  
 Birthday

**Sunday 08.30am**

**Int:** People of the  
 Parish

**10.15am**

**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](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**

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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

### **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 welcome. I look forward to seeing you. Margaret Walsh’.

### **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.

### **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

The next Preparation Class is on Sunday 9th October 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School. The children will attend 10.15am Mass— please collect your child from the church at the end of Mass.

### **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 own Liturgy takes place in the church meeting room during the 10.15am Sunday Mass, in school term time only. **From this Sunday, 9th October, Children’s Liturgy will begin when the Mass begins, so 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 then bring them to join you in Mass after the Prayer of Faithful. Thankyou

### **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 would be interested.

### **CONFIRMATION IN 2023**

**To date, 3 applications have been submitted.** 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.

### **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](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.

**We are grateful for your kind intentions, but please ask you not to leave perishable goods in the porch.**

## 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. Speak to Tina Shirley or Kate Whittaker for further assistance.

## THATCH FUND

**Our funding stands at £34,846.41 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](https://stbernadette.org.uk)

### OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries 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.

To celebrate the Most Holy Rosary, we're looking at four pilgrimage sites dedicated to Our Lady. Each Friday in October, we'll travel as virtual pilgrims to a particular Marian Shrine in England and Wales.

#### [Week One – Month of the Rosary](#)

The first of four weeks of content to help us focus on the Holy Rosary during October. Visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website for background information, links to resources and more.

**For resources on praying the Rosary, visit**

<https://rosarycenter.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**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 him

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

## NEXT 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.

## 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 through the parish office

## YOUTH GROUP

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

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION 2nd OCTOBER 2022**

**Envelopes: £50.50 Loose Plate: £45.40**

**Contactless: £60.00**

**2nd Collection for Altar Flowers £96.70**

**Thatch Fund: £90.00**

*Thankyou for your generosity and support*

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 8th/9th October will go to support the work of CAFOD**  
Our 2nd Collection next week will go to support the work of PACT, prisons' charity.

## **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

If you would like someone to be prayed for please take one of the MASS OFFERING envelopes in the church porch and fill in the details, stating your preferred day/date. Please do leave a contact number so that your preferred time can be confirmed. Return the envelope to the presbytery White Friars, or bring it 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. **Newsletter items received after 11:00am Friday may not be included that week.**

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