



Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
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Parish Newsletter
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THIRTY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 160

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our prayers 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. Where an offering has been made, Mass will be offered for those named in your intention. All names will be listed in our Remembrance Book which is placed by the Altar during the month of November.

MASS FOR ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS

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 seeking consent from their immediate family or relative, where possible. Thankyou for your consideration.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- 13th NOVEMBER 2022

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

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Receive in tranquillity and peace, O Lord, the souls of your servants who have departed this present life to come to you. Grant them rest and place them in the habitations of light, the abodes of blessed spirits. Give them the life that will not age, good things that will not pass away, delights that have no end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **By Saint Ignatius of Antioch**

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.

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: Brian Hellien R.I.P.

Sunday 08.30am

Int: Ernest and Edith
Tucker R.I.P.

Sunday 10.15am

Int: People of the
Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: 9.30am

Jim, Maureen, Vincent,
Lindsay Regan. R.I.P.
Mary, Leslie Dodd

Wed: 9.30am

David Coffey R.I.P.

Thurs: 9.30am

Richard, Mary and
Jacqueline Rons R.I.P.

Fri: 9.30am

George and Angelina
Hall. Votto family.
Denis Ismail R.I.P.

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 (*Day off: Mon*)

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST

DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Tel:07500262446

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Email: hartley@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Safeguarding Representative: Victoria Foley

PARISH NOTICES

QUIZ NITE– SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2022

‘Friends of St Francis’ are holding a quiz at Our Lady of Hartley School next **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

HART MAGAZINE NOVEMBER EDITION

Available in the Church, 50p per copy(in the red tin) or speak to Carol about an annual subscription (£5)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 12th November 9am in the Jubilee Hall, next to St Mary Magdalene Church Longfield. Enjoy a continental style breakfast followed by prayers for the many needs of our world . We aim to finish by 11 o'clock at the latest.

VOLUNTEER VACANCY FOR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORT

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.

CELEBRATING ADVENT

All in the parish are invited to the meeting room from 8 pm to 9 pm on Friday 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December and 16th December. On each of the four Fridays we will consider the readings for the following Sundays in Advent. We will then reflect on what the texts meant to the early Christians, what they mean to us now, and what the Holy Spirit might be saying to us through them. Please try to come on at least one of the Fridays as part of the parish Advent preparation for Christmas. Everyone welcome. We will conclude with the Night Prayer of the Church (text provided).

SYNOD PROGRESS – A PARISH UPDATE

Please see the attachment to the newsletter

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. Please note that Sacramental programmes for school-aged children are lead by the parish, and are not school programmes. **Families wishing to enrol for Sacramental programmes must be registered parishioners of St Francis de Sales.**

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 Baptism course. **If you have not yet registered your family on the parish database, you need to complete and submit a Parish Registration Form, available from the church or parish website, thankyou.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – FOR CHILDREN YR TO Y2

Will take place this Sunday 6th November, at the 10.15am Mass. Please bring your child to the meeting room **before** the start of Mass.

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)

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. Please speak to Fr Alphonsus if you are interested in joining the course this year. **Lessons take place on Saturdays at 9.30am-11.30am 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.

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

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like a priest to visit, please do contact Father Alphonsus directly or call the parish office, thank you.

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.

REFRESHMENTS in the meeting room after Mass Please stop in for a drink and chat, all are welcome.

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

October Draw winners: 1st Prize £50 no. 82 L. Burroughs. 2nd Prize £25 no. 63 D Horwood

To become a 200 Club member, the relevant Information, forms and details for payment are available in the church porch and on the website.

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at £35,196.31 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

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

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2022

On Sunday 13th November, there will be a Diocesan Second Collection taken up in parishes to support the Archbishop's Appeal. This collection has been renamed- to replace the existing Archbishop's Administration Fund, which traditionally had paid for the Bishops' offices central costs- and will now be used to raise funds to support key areas of Diocesan mission and ministry: **Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care**

and Formation. A portion of the monies raised will be granted to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects. **Please take an envelope home with you today for next week's collection. Read more online via www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal**

TEXTS FOR THIS 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 sift of your glory, O Lord*

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

Luke 20: 27-38 He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Malachi 3: 19-20 For you the sun of righteousness will shine out.

Psalm Response *The Lord come to rule the peoples with fairness*

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.

Luke 21: 5-19 Your endurance will win you your lives.

FOR DAILY PRAYERS AND MASS READINGS ONLINE, VISIT <https://www.universalis.com/>

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. 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 30th OCTOBER 2022

Envelopes: £169.00 Loose Plate: £129.00

Contactless machine: £30

2nd Collection: £126.69

Thatch Fund: £61.50

**October Monthly/Quarterly Standing Orders
£2,467.00**

**2nd Collection this weekend 6th November:
Fire Safety Maintenance costs (Offset)**

Thankyou for your generosity and support to the parish, God bless you all.

**2nd Collection 13th November: Diocesan
Collection for The Archbishop's Appeal 2022**

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

'We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.'

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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