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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT AND FIRST SCRUTINY YEAR A **Mass Book A page 158**



ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Pastoral Message for the Launch of CARITAS Southwark

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus as we continue our Lenten journey towards Holy Week and Easter. In this joyful season of renewal we seek the living water who is Christ himself. With the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel, we believe the Lord Jesus offers every person the gift of eternal life. He shows us that no one is beyond God's love; not you or me; not our neighbour; not the unknown stranger in our midst. The Lord Jesus asks us to be God's love for others, especially those in most need.

Today, I share with you the wonderful news that we are about to launch CARITAS Southwark. Caritas is the Latin word for love and CARITAS Southwark will be our Archdiocesan network to co-ordinate our practical loving service of others, putting faith into action.

Pope Francis said: '.. there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.' (EG 48) CARITAS Southwark will work with our parishes and schools to support them in serving those in need. Our volunteers have worked hard to get us to this point of a formal launch in a Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 12.30pm on Saturday 18 March. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the reception afterwards.

The Church has always served the poorest and the weakest. This happens today through our parishes, schools and social and charitable projects and organisations. In such challenging times, it is important that we strengthen and enhance our charitable outreach, rooted in our faith in Christ. This will build on the excellent work already taking place and provide encouragement and support for new initiatives. CARITAS Southwark is about facilitation and collaboration, building up our common bond of charity through a more considered identity whereby our Archdiocese can promote and recognise faith in action.

Many parishes already have projects in place. Others, as yet, do not have any specific or developed formal outreach. This is a time for all of us, clergy, religious, and lay faithful, to pray and reflect on the Scriptures, strengthened by

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Tues-Fri 8.45am-4.00pm

Sat 10.00am-6.30pm

Sun 7.45am-12noon

THE SEASON OF LENT

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 11th March

Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Int. People of the Parish

Sunday 12th March

8.30am

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10.15am

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WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 14th March

9.30am

Wed 15th March

9.30am

Thursday 16th March

9.30am

Friday 17th March

9.30am

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

CONFESSIONS

Tues-Fri 8.40 -9.20am

Sat 4.30-5.20pm

or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE 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

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton

Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

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the Eucharist, so as to discern how we live out the call to see and serve the Lord Jesus in our brothers and sisters in need. To all who already give their time and effort so generously in voluntary service to the Church's social mission, I extend my heartfelt gratitude.

Across our Archdiocese, a tangible love of neighbour is shown through numerous social and charitable projects. Such apostolates, and new ones which will hopefully come to fruition, require that our hearts be touched by the love of Christ and opened to the needs of others. It is through us, sometimes in simple and seemingly small ways, that the love of Christ becomes real and is freely offered to people in need.

Thank you for your assistance in this important new step. With an assurance of my gratitude, and my prayers and blessing

Yours devotedly in Christ

John Wilson

Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

TEXTS FOR SUNDAY MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Exodus 17: 3-7 Give the water to drink

PSALM RES. *O that today you would listen to His voice, harden not your hearts*

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us

John 4: 5-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Communion Antiphon *For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life*

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 David is anointed king of Israel

PSALM RES. *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

Ephesians 5:8-14 Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

John 9: 1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

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

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.

MONTH OF MARCH, DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

On Fridays at 7.30pm, in the church and on livestream. Please join us in person or online.

BARN DANCE REVIEW

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Barn Dance and those who supported it in their absence. 79 attended and 90 tickets were sold. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening, the band was great and the feedback has been so good with several people asking for more!! In addition we are pleased to say that we will have raised just over £600 for Parish funds once final expenses are settled. So again Thank You!!



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd March 2023. If there are any matters you would like raised for discussion at the meeting, please contact Chris Pieroni, parish council chair, by email at hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk or in writing to FOA Chris Pieroni, Parish Council.

HART MAGAZINE

The March edition of the Hart is in the Church porch. Please speak to Carol for further details.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

Parishioners are asked to first check the **SACRAMENTS** section on the parish website for general information on the programmes. Please speak with Fr Alphonsus for any further advice. Sacramental programmes for school-aged children are lead by the parish. **Families wishing to enrol adults or children for Sacramental programmes must be registered parishioners, attending Mass.**

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend weekend Mass and speak with Fr. Alphonsus afterwards to register for the Baptism course.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – FOR CHILDREN IN YR TO Y2 Sunday 12th March 2023. Please take your child to the Meeting Room before 10.15am Mass begins.

As a matter of Safeguarding, the meeting room will not be free for use during Mass when Children's Liturgy is taking place; with our apologies for any inconvenience, thankyou for your consideration.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

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

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2023 PROGRAMME

Preparation Classes take place on Fridays during term time, 3.30-4.30pm in the meeting room.

CONFIRMATION IN 2023

Confirmation classes take place on Tuesdays during term time in the meeting room 6.30-8.00pm.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2023.

Meeting on Saturday mornings in the meeting room

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK PROCESS

You are required to give 6 months notice of Marriage – whether it is taking place here or abroad. Couples wishing to be married should speak to Fr Alphonsus as early as possible to begin the process.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Saturday 18th March 12.30pm Mass at St Georges' Cathedral, to launch CARITAS Southwark. Please see the notice on the front page of this newsletter

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK LENT RETREAT 2023 - 'RENEWED IN HOPE'

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lent Retreat "Renewed in Hope". You will receive a weekly email with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, along with materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. Sign up at <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>
Visit: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

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 introduce yourself to the parish priest and register yourself/your family on the Parish Registration Database.**

Forms are available in the porch, or on the parish website to complete and return.

Please consider how you can support the parish community with your time, talents and resources.

OUR LADY OF HARTLEY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For the latest information and school news, visit us at www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk

DONATION BOX FOR GRAVESEND FOODBANK

Non perishable items can be left the Food Bank Boxes, placed in the Meeting Room or in the porch. Thankyou for your generous support to others.

'SEEKING SANCTUARY' - support for migrants

Donations of warm clothing and toiletries, can be placed into the blue box in the Meeting Room. Please visit <https://seekingsanctuary.weebly.com/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

'We are a small group of people who offer confidential support through phone calls, house visits, accompanying to local medical/dental appointments. We also offer confidential financial support to families. Contact us via the parish office'.

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 to arrange a time. Thankyou

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Membership for the 200 club is open. To become a member, you will find information and forms in the porch area of the church or on the parish website. Please speak to Tina Shirley or Kate Whittaker for any further assistance.

'EASYFUNDRAISING' - DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

Please use **easyfundraising** every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. It's easy and FREE! You can get started by visiting www.easyfundraising.co.uk Thankyou so much.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We have a small, friendly group whose members can visit to chat or just to lend a listening ear. Please speak to Fr. Alphonsus and he will put you in touch with us. Meetings/visits are held in strict confidence.

YOUTH GROUP

Meetings take place in the meeting room.
Contact: Laura Bourne through the parish office.

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays at 7:30pm in the church. New members are welcome. Contact: Yvonne at yhegarty@talktalk.net

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Contact us confidentially via the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm in the church meeting room. New members welcome.
Contact: William Rons williamrons@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

2nd Wednesday of the month in the church meeting room at 2:00pm unless otherwise stated. Open invitation, everyone is welcome. Contact: Margaret Walsh.

CATENIANS (Meopham Circle)

First Wednesday each month at 7.30pm at Hartley Country Club. If you are interested in learning more about our organisation, please contact Les Bober, Membership Officer on 07811 407386 or Steve Lewis, Secretary, on 07305 360305.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

26th FEBRUARY 2023

Envelopes: £45.00 Loose Plate: £35.35

Standing Order: £287.50 Contactless: £15.00

2nd Collection CAFOD: £223.90

Thankyou for your contributions

**2nd Collection this weekend, 12th March:
Church Maintenance**

**Next week's 2nd Collection, 19th March will be
DIOCESAN COLLECTION for POOR PARISHES**

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at **£36,788.46** of the **£45,000.00** Target to reach by the end of 2023.

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 using the parish Gift Aid scheme, *please* note your GA number with your donation. Or donate via *JustGiving* at www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

'PLANNED GIVING' and GIFT-AIDED DONATIONS

The parish relies on contributions to maintain the church building and presbytery, supporting the priest in his ministry which is the Church's Mission. If you have not, please consider setting up a **Monthly Bank Standing Order**. This is most helpful to the parish for budgeting and planning projects for the future – it is non-binding and you may cancel at any time.

Other ways to contribute are: (i) Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes (ii) Use the Contactless Machine in the church (iii) Cash or Cheque payable to RCAS Hartley (iv) One-off Donation envelopes (v) Online transactions to Nat West Bank, Account: RCAS Hartley. Acc 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33 If you are a taxpayer, all your donations can be Gift-Aided at no extra cost to you, by joining the Gift Aid Scheme– for every £1 you contribute, an extra 25p can be claimed back for the parish.

Bank Standing-Order and Parish Gift-Aid Scheme information can be found on the parish website www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk Hard copies are on the shelf in the church porch.

Thankyou for your support to the parish

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