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PARISH FETE 2023

We are very pleased to announce we will be having our Annual Parish Fete on Saturday 10th June 2023.

The Fete is a very important event for the Parish. It reaches out to all our Parishioners, Neighbours and Friends and it also provides a large proportion of our parish income; without which we would be unable to finance ourselves.

This is your Parish and therefore it is your Fete, and we invite as many of you as possible to contribute. We would like everyone to get involved to make it a very successful Day.

Here are some suggestions on the many different ways you can assist:

- Inform Friends and Family about the Fete.
- Posters will be produced to Advertise the Day. There will be a Competition for the Pupils of Our Lady of Hartley School to design the Poster. Please encourage your Children to Participate.
- When the Posters are produced, please take and display them.
- There will also be a Social Media Campaign – we need help with this.
- Programmes will also be produced. Again, there will be a Competition for the Pupils of Our Lady of Hartley School to design the Front Cover. The Programmes provide opportunities for Businesses and Local Companies to advertise. Please encourage Businesses to advertise and / or suggest the Businesses and Tradesman you use for contacting. We will need the Advertisements as soon as possible.
- There will be a Grand Draw on the Day. Prizes are needed so please donate or ask Local Businesses to help. The Prizes will be displayed on the Tickets.
- When the Grand Draw Tickets have been printed, please take them home and sell them to your Friends and Family.
- If you have run a Stall in previous Fetes and wish to do again, please let us know.
- Please volunteer to run a Stall. This includes Parish Groups and the Youth Group.
- We are open for any suggestions on ideas for New Stalls.
- Start preparing Donations for the various Stalls. For example, we need Bakers to donate Cakes, for all Green Fingers to donate Plants, (continued overleaf)

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Tues-Fri 8.45am-4.00pm

Sat 10.00am-6.30pm

Sun 7.45am-12noon

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 25th March

Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Int. Jane Freeman,
wellbeing

Sunday 26th March

8.30am

Int people of the Parish
10.15am

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WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 28th March

9.30am

Wed 29th March

9.30am

Thursday 30th March

9.30am Int.

Friday 31st March

9.30am Int. Denis and
Hussan Ismayil R.I.P.

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

Email: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens

Email: hartleysg2safeguard@rcaos.org.uk

people to donate spare Books and of course, Bottles are needed for the Bottle Stall.

· As the Fete approaches, we will remind you to please bring your Donations to the Meeting Room.

Anything else you can think of for the Fete, please let us know by e-mail (hartley@rcaos.org.uk) and we ask you all to pray for a successful day.

TEXTS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 I shall put my spirit in you and you will live.

PSALM RES. *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption*

Romans 8:8-11 The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you

John 11: 1-45 I am the resurrection and the life

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me, will not die forever, says the Lord

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY MASS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

Isaiah 50: 4-7 I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.

PSALM RES. *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.*

Philippians 2: 8-9 He humbled himself but God raised him high

Matthew 26:14 -27:66 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

FOR DAILY PRAYERS AND DAILY MASS READINGS

ONLINE, VISIT <https://www.universalis.co.uk>

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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

FR BARTHOLOMEW SENEWO

This weekend sees the return of the Newly Ordained Father Bartholomew Senewo back to our Parish.

We as a Parish welcome Father back as a Priest to celebrate all three Masses of Thanksgiving this weekend. Our Congratulations go out to Father Bartholomew on his Ordination and for successfully fulfilling his Vocation into the Priesthood.

We, as a Parish are so thrilled that he has been Ordained and we all thank God that we shared a part of his journey to becoming a priest and living a life of serving others.

We wish him all the very best in the Future and every success in fulfilling his future Ministry in the Priesthood.

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.

CELEBRATING PALM SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem will take place as follows:

At 5.30pm Mass – from the meeting Room, Blessing of palms with Solemn Entrance

At 8.30am Mass – from the Meeting Room, Blessing of palms with Solemn Entrance

At 10.15am Mass - weather permitting - Beginning outside the presbytery, White Friars, at 10.00am - Blessing of palms and Procession to the church, otherwise, beginning from the Meeting Room.

ANNUAL MAY PILGRIMAGE TO OUR SHRINE

As King Charles is being crowned on our usual date, this year's pilgrimage will be postpone for one week, until the afternoon of Saturday 20th May: more details will follow nearer the day. Our shrine is remarkable in possessing a specific Plenary Indulgence for pilgrims who visit and pray for

Peace. Please make a note of the date and do your best to join in prayer to Our Lady at this time of heightened international tensions.

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 led 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 26th 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, thank you 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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2023.

Meeting on Saturday mornings in the meeting room

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

You can still sign up for the Diocesan Lent Retreat "Renewed in Hope" 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

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

A youth day for (10-16 year olds) will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd April. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer and sport/crafts. Please see the church noticeboard

for further details and contact the parish office if your child would be interested in going along as part of a parish youth group. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/aprilyouthday> to learn more about the day or contact youth@rcaos.org.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

JOB VACANCY AT OUR LADY OF HARTLEY: CLEANER NEEDED 2 HOURS PER DAY MON-FRI 3.30pm-5.30pm. £10.42 rate per hour from 1st April 2023.

DONATION BOX FOR GRAVESEND FOODBANK

Non perishable items can be left the Food Bank Boxes, placed in the Meeting Room or in the porch.

'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. Thank you

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

The Draw for March will take place this Sunday 26th March after 8.30am Mass.

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. Speak to Tina Shirley or Kate Whittaker for any assistance.

THE UNIVERSE Catholic Weekly Newspaper

Call Michelle on 07436617650 to order your Digital 4 weeks FREE introductory offer or email her at michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

RADIO MARIA, ENGLAND— Catholic radio station

24hr broadcast, available on DAB+ radio in Greater London (Radio Maria England), the Radio Maria Play app, www.radiomariaengland.uk

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.

‘EASYFUNDRAISING’ - SHOP ONLINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR FREE! Visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk

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.

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 stated otherwise. Open invitation, all are welcome. Contact: Margaret Walsh.

CATENIANS (Meopham Circle)

First Wednesday each month at 7.30pm at Hartley Country Club. To find out more about us, please contact Les Bober, Membership Officer on 07811 407386 or Steve Lewis, Secretary, on 07305 360305.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 19th March 2023

Envelopes: £45.50 Loose Plate: £35.00

Standing Order: £172.50 Contactless: £20.00

Justgiving : £167.61

2nd Collection for Poor Parishes: £72.50

Thankyou for your contributions

Our 2nd Collection this weekend, 26th March:

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Next week's 2nd Collection, 2nd April:

REPAIRS TO LEAKING FLAT ROOF IN CHURCH

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at £36,842.07.

In response to the updated quotes we have received, our revised target must now be set at £55,000.00

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* do 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, please join 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 OR on the shelf in the church porch. Thankyou for your support.

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary:
hartley@rcaos.org.uk. **Newsletter items received after 11:00am Thursday may not be included that week.**

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