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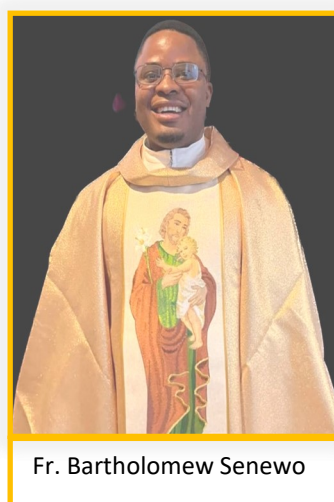
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ORDINATION OF DEACON BARTHOLOMEW SENEWO

It is with great pleasure that we announce the fantastic news that Deacon Bartholomew Senewo has been ordained a Priest on Sunday 19th February 2023 in Oxford.

You will recall that Father Bartholomew was assigned to St Francis De Sales as Deacon Bartholomew from 29th March 2021 until the 18th October 2022, to be with us and to live and work with Father Patrick, as he continued to discern his Vocation.

Our congratulations go out to Father Bartholomew 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 for generously giving us Father Bartholomew as a Deacon and so pleased that we shared a part of his journey to becoming a priest and living a life of serving others.



Fr. Bartholomew Senewo

It goes without saying that we wish him all the very best in the future and every success in fulfilling his future ministry in the Priesthood. Not only are we so grateful and thankful to God for making his ordination possible and seeing him succeed as a Priest, but in return, Father Bartholomew would also very much like to thank our parish for all the support and assistance we provided to him whilst he was here.

Therefore, we are pleased to inform you all that he will be returning to the parish and celebrating all three Masses on the Weekend of the 25th / 26th March as Thanksgiving Masses, where we as a parish can all welcome Father Bartholomew back as a priest, congratulate him on his Ordination and join him in his Masses of Thanksgiving.

If you would like to give a personal congratulatory gift to Father Bartholomew on the occasion of his Ordination, you may do so directly, on his visit, or put it in an envelope marked 'Fr Bartholomew' and give it to Anna Coffey, who will then pass it on to Fr. Bartholomew. Thankyou.

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 4th March

Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Int. Hanna Tarkowska

R.I.P. 3rd Anniversary

Sunday 5th March

8.30am

Int. Wellbeing of Mary Halpin

10.15am People of the parish

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 7th March

9.30am

Wednesday 8th March

9.30am

Thursday 9th March

9.30am

Friday 10th 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

Email: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens

Email: hartleysg2safeguard@rcaos.org.uk

TEXTS FOR SUNDAY MASS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Genesis 12: 1-4 The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.

PSALM RES. *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

2 Timothy 1: 8-10 God calls and enlightens us.

Matthew 17: 1-9 His face shone like the sun.

TEXTS FOR NEXT 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

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.

PARISH BARN DANCE CEILIDH ON SATURDAY 4th MARCH 2023, with live music from the Aqueducts

All Saints Church Centre, Ash Rd, Hartley, DA38DB from 7.30pm-10.30pm. Bring your family and friends. For tickets & further information please contact Kate 0785431948 or Anna 07703475720.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

February Draw winners: 1st prize £50 no. 96 K. Whittaker, 2nd Prize £25 no.79 S. Gregory

STEWARDSHIP AT WEEKEND MASS

We are looking for volunteers to go on a rota to act as steward for the weekend Masses, especially the 10.15am Sunday Mass. Please speak with Fr Alphonsus if you would be interested in helping.

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.

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

On **Sunday 5th March 2023**. Please take your child to the Meeting Room before 10.15am Mass begins.

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.

Please pray for our 6 parishioners who attended the Rite of Election at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, last weekend as they continue their journey to be admitted into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

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

CAFOD LENT APPEAL 5th MARCH 2023

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day (Fri 3rd March) Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies. **Please return the envelope provided on Sunday 5th March for our 2nd Collection** or may donate directly via cafod.org.uk/give

PRAYERS, LITURGIES AND REFLECTIONS - CAFOD

Reach out in solidarity, and pray with and for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. This Lent, discover our daily reflections, Stations of the Cross and prayer cards, as well as more resources to nourish your faith.

Click: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray>

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.

Just sign up at <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>

Visit the Archdiocese of Southwark website at: 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](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) 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!**

These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. **You can get started by visiting www.easyfundraising.co.uk** Thankyou so much.

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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

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

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. **Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March 2023, please join us.**

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: £43.50 Loose Plate: £21.60

Standing Order: £1,665.50 Contactless: £15.00

2nd Collection Clergy Support Fund: £70.10

Thankyou for your contributions

Our 2nd Collection this weekend, 5th March:

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL

Please see the notice inside the newsletter

2nd Collection next weekend 12th March will be for Church Maintenance

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at **£36,744.01 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 porch. Thankyou.

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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