



Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
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PARISH FETE 2023

Just as a reminder, we will be having our Annual Parish Fete on Saturday 10th June 2023 between 12 noon and 4pm.

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 event. 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 Fete 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.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Tues-Fri 8:45am-4:00pm

Sat 10:00am-6:30pm

Sun 7:45am-12noon

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 22nd April

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Int People of the Parish

Sunday 23rd April

8:30am Int. Wellbeing
of Ellie Whittaker

10:15am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 25th April

St. Mark, Evangelist

Mass 9:30am

Wed 26th April

Mass 9:30am

Thursday 27th April

Mass 9:30am

Friday 28th April

St. Peter Chanel OR

St. Louis de Monfort.

Mass 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Wed-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

· Start preparing donations for the various Stalls. For example, we need bakers to donate cakes, for all green fingers to donate plants, people to donate spare books and of course, bottles are needed for the Bottle Stall.

· As the Fete approaches and just as a reminder 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 obviously we ask you all to pray for a successful day and great weather.

REGINA CAELI

During the Season of Easter, we pray the Regina Caeli before each Mass, in place of The Angelus.

V/ Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R/ For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V/ Has risen as he said, alleluia.

R/ Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V/ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R/ For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; grant we beseech thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEXTS FOR THIS WEEK – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-23 It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades

PSALM RESPONSE: *Show us, Lord, the path of life*

1 Peter 1: 17-21 Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ.

Luke 24: 13-35 They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia

TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK - 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 36-41 God has made him both Lord and Christ.

PSALM RESPONSE: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want*

1 Peter 2: 20-25 You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

John 10: 1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold

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.

PARISH NOTICES

‘SEEKING SANCTUARY’ EXHIBITION

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April, after Masses, Phil Kerton will be exhibiting material in the meeting Room, about the Work of Seeking Sanctuary and the Church's teaching on the care of migrants. (This material was prepared for the launch of Caritas Southwark at St George's.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT OUR LADY OF HARTLEY SCHOOL Kent Catholic Schools’ Partnership (KCSP)

The role of a Foundation Governor is to contribute to the work of governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children in the school, and to ensure the school staff have the resources and support they require to do their jobs well. If you would be willing to fill this role, please speak to Fr Alphonsus and email the school office for further information:

Julia.Gemmell@our-lady-hartley.kcsp.org.uk

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 on any Sacramental programme must be registered parishioners, attending Mass regularly.**

CHILDREN’S LITURGY – FOR CHILDREN IN YR TO Y2 will resume on Sunday 23rd April.

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 the time when Children’s Liturgy is taking place; with our apologies for any inconvenience, thank you for your consideration.

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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2023 PROGRAMME

Preparation Classes in this school term resume on Fridays, 3.30-4.30pm in the meeting room.

CONFIRMATION 2023– Sunday 11th June

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be visiting the parish on the Feast of Corpus Christi, to confirm our 4 young parishioners. Let us keep them in our prayers.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2024.

Anyone who is interested in joining the RCIA program for next year, please do speak to Fr Alphonsus as soon as possible about enrolment.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY and PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION, 30th APRIL 2023

Next Sunday, 4th Sunday of Easter, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and our 2nd Collection next weekend is the Archdiocesan collection for the 'Priest Training Fund' The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

· Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

· Telephone- weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 0207960 2504

· Cash/Cheque - please use the Priest Training Fund

envelopes at the back of church.

· Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)

Thankyou for all your support!



SOUTHWARK VOCATIONS

Will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm entitled **The Good Shepherd Calls** where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONT](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONT)

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.

'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

To become a 200 club member, you will find the

necessary information and forms in the church porch or on the parish website. **Our April Draw will take place on Sunday 30th April after 8.30am Mass.**

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. All matters are held in strictest confidence.

YOUTH GROUP

Meetings with leaders take place the meeting room. Contact: Laura Bourne through the parish office. All children are invited to join Youth Group events.

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)

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

CATENIANS (Meopham Circle)

First Wednesday each month at 7.30pm at Hartley Country Club. Contact Les Bober, Membership Officer on 07811 407386 or Steve Lewis, Secretary on 07305 360305

'EASYFUNDRAISING' - SHOP ONLINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR FREE! 600+ brands offer small donations back to the parish when you purchase goods online, at no extra cost to you! Find out how to sign up and start raising funds while you shop. Thanks for your support.

Visit: www.easyfundraising.co.uk **to get started.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 16th April 2023

Envelopes: £38.00 Loose Plate: £38.00

Contactless: £0.00 Online banking: £310.50

2nd Collection Altar Flowers: £43.30

Thatch Fund: £110.70

Thank you for your contributions to the parish

2nd Collection this weekend: Maintenance of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, Diocesan.

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at £38,148.08 of the revised target set at £55,000.00

Please deposit your £1 in the Thatch Fund Box at the back of the church OR use the Contactless machine in the porch. You can also set up a £4 monthly/ £52 annual, Bank Standing Order at: **Nat West Bank. Account name St Francis de Sales. Account number 34363181 Sort code **60-06-33**.** If you are a UK tax payer, please submit a gift aid declaration form to the parish office or if you already use the parish Gift Aid scheme, *please* do note your GA number against any donation. Thankyou

You can also make a donation via our Justgiving page 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 already done so, please consider setting up a Monthly Bank Standing Order. This is most helpful to the parish for budgeting and planning for any future projects.

Other ways to support the parish financially are:

(i) Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes (Please contact the parish office for assistance)

(ii) Using the Contactless Machine in the church

(iii) Cash, or Cheque payable to **RCAS Hartley**

(iv) Using One-off Donation white envelopes (These are on the table in the church porch)

(v) Online transactions to Nat West Bank Account

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Please contact the parish office for any assistance

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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