



Oratory of St. Francis de Sales
Roman Catholic Parish
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Parish Newsletter 21st May 2023

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER and WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY Parish Mass Book pg 275

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH FETE

We have just three weeks to go until our Annual Parish Fete on Saturday 10th June 2023 between 12noon and 4pm. You are encouraged to, if you haven't already:

- Volunteer to run a Stall.
- Volunteer to help with **Setting up** the field on the day and **Clearing away** afterwards.
- Only a couple of Advertising Boards are left to display from the Local Estate Agent.
- If you have any **Prizes for the Grand Draw** or know of any Local Businesses who would be interested in donating, please let us know.
- **Donations** can now be left in the Meeting Room, before and after Masses, where it is clearly marked.
- Donations are needed for the **Book Stall, Bottle Stall, Toiletries and Jewellery Stall and Items for the White Elephant Stall** (Non - Electrical Items only)
- **Please start preparing** Cakes, World Food for the World Food Stall and Plants for the Plant Stall.

As you know the Fete is a very important day for the parish and therefore you are also encouraged to:

- Keep mentioning the Fete and the Date to people
- Please take and display a **Poster**.
- If you know of any Businesses who would like to Advertise, please let us know.
- When the **Programmes** arrive, please assist with distributing them.
- When the **Tickets** are produced, please take and sell them.

Please continuing praying for a successful day and for good weather. If you need to contact us about the Fete, please use the Parish E-mail Address – hartley@rcaos.org.uk.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF HARTLEY SHRINE, SATURDAY 20th MAY 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Please try to come along, even if only for part of the time, to give honour to Mary in her month of May.

For the housebound and those who cannot attend, the service will be livestreamed, just click the 'livestream' button on the parish website.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

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

Sat 10:00am-6:30pm

Sun 7:45am-12noon

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 20th May

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 21st May

8:30am Int. People of the Parish

10:15am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 23rd May

9:30am

Wed 24th May

9:30am

Thursday 25th May

St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:30am

Friday 26th May

St Philip Neri, Priest

9:30am

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

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Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

Email: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens

Email: hartleysg2safeguard@rcaos.org.uk

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 - 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1: 12-14 All joined in continuous prayer

PSALM RES *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living*

1 Peter 4: 13-16 It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

John 17: 1-11 Father, glorify your Son.

TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK– PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Psalms Res *Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13 In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body

Sequence *Holy Spirit, Lord of light...*

John 20: 19-23 As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

FOR DAILY PRAYERS AND DAILY MASS READINGS

ONLINE, VISIT <https://www.universalis.com>

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.

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

PRAYING THE PENTECOST NOVENA (19-28th May)

The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself.

We are invited to "join together with one heart in constant prayer" (Acts 1:14), in imitation of Mary and the disciples in those nine days in the Upper Room between Ascension and Pentecost. With them, we ask Jesus to send afresh his Holy Spirit upon us so that our individual lives, the lives of our families and communities, and the life of the Church may be renewed.

There are some copies of the Novena on the table in the church porch, or you can find many versions online, eg:

<http://www.scborromeo.org/prayers/novenahs.pdf>

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (Cardinal Mercier)

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I ought to do, and command me to do it. I promise to submit myself to all that You ask of me, and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Only let me know Your will. Amen.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST and THE SPIRITANS

Pentecost is a very important feast for the Spiritans, previously known as The Holy Ghost Fathers. **Our 2nd Collection next weekend 27/28th May** will go towards supporting the mission of the Spiritans, that is, the formation and training of students for the priesthood and religious life. Thank you in advance for your support and kindness.

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. All Sacramental programmes are lead by the parish. **Families wishing to enrol adults or children on any Sacramental programme must be registered parishioners, attending Mass regularly.**

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

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2023

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

CONFIRMATION 2023 – Sunday 11th June 2023

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be visiting the parish on the Feast of Corpus Christi, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 4 young parishioners. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2024.

If you are interested in joining the next RCIA program, speak to Fr Alphonsus about enrolment.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

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

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.

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 onto 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 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

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT OUR LADY OF HARTLEY SCHOOL. If you feel you could contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children, please speak to Fr Alphonsus & email the school for details: Julia.Gemmell@our-lady-hartley.kcsp.org.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'.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY and SECOND COLLECTION.

Speaking with the heart 'The truth in love' (Eph 4:15)

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated 21st May to be the 57th World Communications Day.

In recent years, the Holy Father has reflected on the building blocks of good communication. The heart, he says, is the common factor motivating us "to go and see" and "to listen". It enables us, having listened, to "speak the truth in love".

To read or download the full message, click the link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/>

World Communications Sunday is one of the mandated Second Collections in parishes for the work of the Conference Secretariat.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend will support the work of the Bishop's Conference. Thankyou for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS

In this month dedicated to Our Lady, international aid charity Mary's Meals invites you to join us in praying for: all the children who receive Mary's Meals, all those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults, and all the children still waiting for Mary's Meals - that the charity will reach them soon. Visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to see how you can give life-changing support to these children.

Job Vacancy with Mary's Meals

"Mary's Meals is recruiting a supporter engagement officer for London & the Southeast. Job advert here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/work-for-us/supporter-engagement-officer-london-and-the-south-east-of-england>

CAFOD

Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

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 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)

Second Wednesday of the month in the church meeting room at 2:00pm. Contact: Margaret Walsh.

CATENIANS (Meopham Circle)

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

'EASYFUNDRAISING' - DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

Please use [easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) when you shop online!

Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise donations for us no matter what you're buying. **It's easy & FREE!** Visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk Thankyou

Are you a UK Taxpayer? Please consider joining the Parish Gift-Aid Scheme. Information and Forms are on the parish website www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk OR on the shelf in the church porch. Please contact the parish office for any further help. Thankyou for your support.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 14th May 2023

Envelopes: £31.50 Loose Plate: £8.80

Contactless: £15.00 Online banking: £534.50

2nd Collection Grounds Maintenance: £29.10

Thatch Fund: £51.10

Thank you for your contributions to the parish

Our 2nd Collection this weekend, 21st May:
Catholic Communications Network – Diocesan
(Please see the notice inside the newsletter)

THATCH FUND

Our funding stands at £38,384.53 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 (on the shelf in the church porch or from the website www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk) or if you already use the parish Gift Aid scheme, *please* note your GA number against any donation. Thankyou
You can also donate 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 the One-off Donation white envelopes (These are on the table in the church porch)
- (v) Online transactions to Nat West Bank Account St Francis de Sales 34143580 sort code 60-06-33
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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