



**Oratory of St. Francis de Sales**  
Roman Catholic Parish  
Archdiocese of Southwark

**Parish Newsletter 4th June 2023**

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This parish is served by the Spiritans

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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### REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

This Feast is not the time to try and explain how three goes into one! The Trinity is not something that we can understand and figure out with our reasoning, intellect or with our brain. We most certainly won't find the explanation to the Trinity by 'googling' it!

The Trinity is a *mystery* that we are to experience with our hearts, not with our heads. It is not a puzzle or a riddle that we are expected to answer or solve. When we use the word 'mystery' to talk about and describe the Trinity, we are talking about a reality that is so endlessly rich and profound that it will never be exhausted. The more we contemplate and pray about the reality and presence of the Trinity in our lives, the more of itself will be revealed to us. Through the Trinity, God creates and loves us, Jesus liberates and saves us and the Spirit encourages and strengthens us. The Trinity is a community of love and life that we are invited to be part of and share in.

When we look at the news on our television or read the newspaper any day, we are often presented with news of violence, segregation and building walls. There is the reality of individuals and indeed some countries speaking about and defending *their* rights at the expense of dialogue and cooperation with other nations. People of different religions in the same country are often not only disagreeing with each other; they are actively fighting each other. Sadly, there is division where they could be unity, there is aggression where there could be understanding, and there is suspicion where there could be trust and mutual respect.

The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community. It also challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families, our neighbourhood and our parish community.

In the Christian tradition, when we begin our prayers, whether as individuals or a community, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling on the power and presence of the Trinity. When we pray *Glory be...*, we do the same. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of our prayer and our daily life.



### THE CHURCH IS OPEN

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

**Sat 10:00am-6:30pm**

**Sun 7:45am-12noon**

### SUNDAY MASS

**Saturday 3rd June**

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday 4th June**

**8:30am Int. For the**

People of the Parish

**10:15am Int. For the**

wellbeing of Theresa Johnston

### WEEKDAY MASS

**Tuesday 6th June**

**9:30am**

**Wed 7th June**

**9:30am**

**Thursday 8th June**

**9:30am**

**Friday 9th June**

**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](mailto:alphonsusbeni@rcaos.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)**

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST**

**DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

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Perhaps on the Feast of the Trinity we could say these prayers slower and let their meaning become part of us in a more intimate and personal way.

***Praise and everlasting glory to God the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, through all ages.***

### THE ANGELUS

**V/** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

**R/** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**V/** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**R/** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

**V/** Behold the handmaid of the Lord

**R/** Be it done unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary, full of grace,...

**V/** The Word was made flesh

**R/** And dwelt among us.

**V/** Hail Mary, full of grace...

**V/** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God **R/** that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. **R/** Pour forth, we beseech Thee O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by His passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### TEXTS FOR THIS WEEK - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9** Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion

**Psalms Res** *To You, glory and praise for evermore*

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13** The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

**John 3: 16-18** God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

**Communion Antiphon** *Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father*

### TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK - CORPUS CHRISTI

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16** He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known

**Psalms Res** *O praise the Lord, Jerusalem*

**1 Corinthians 10: 16-17** That there is only one loaf, means that, though there are many of us, we form one body.

**Sequence:** \* *Behold the bread of angels, sent...*

**John: 6, 51-58** My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

**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

#### UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH/PRESBYTERY GROUNDS

Please speak with Fr Alphonsus if you would be willing to help for a couple of hours on a fortnightly rota basis with others in keeping the grounds around the church and presbytery tidy. Thankyou.

#### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

**Draw for May 2023 Winners: 1st prize: No 55 £50 M Naguib. 2nd Prize: No 1 £25 S Gregory**

Membership for the 200 Club is open, you will find the relevant information and forms on the shelf in the church porch or on the parish website.

#### JUNE – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the occasion for us to take Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of His divine love for humanity. May he come into your life this month with a special blessing for you. Please take a Sacred Heart prayer card from the porch. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is on 16<sup>th</sup> June

### 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 then register on the Parish Database.** Forms are available in the porch, or on the parish website, to fill in and return. Please consider how you can support the parish then please fill in a 'Sharing my Time & Talents' leaflet, which are in the porch. Thankyou

#### OUR LADY OF HARTLEY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For the latest information and school news, visit us at [www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk)

## **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH FETE**

It is just a week to go until our Annual Parish Fete on Saturday 10th June 2023 between 12 noon and 4pm. Time is flying by.

**Everyone needs to pull together to make this day a success. There are still things to do:**

As you can see the Fete **Programmes** have arrived this weekend. We hope you enjoy looking through it and you will see there is a list displayed in the foyer of all the local roads where the Programme needs distributing. **Please help by taking enough Programmes to distribute** in your road and anywhere else which no one has signed up for and please mark the list.

**The Grand Draw Tickets** have also arrived and there are many Fabulous Prizes in the Draw, **please take Books of Tickets and sell them** to your family, friends, neighbours and local community.

We are always happy to receive further Prizes for the Grand Draw and if you have any further donations or know of any Local Businesses who would still be interested in donating, please let us know.

If you haven't already taken a **Poster to display**, please do and please keep inviting all your friends, family, neighbours and local community.

**Donations** are coming in very generously but we still need more, in particular **Bottles for the Bottle Stall** – We only have 25 Bottles and we need a minimum of 125 Bottles and most importantly we are still looking for people to run this Stall.

**The Candy Floss Stall** which has generously been donated, still needs to be run.

**The Tea and Coffee Stall** still need Volunteers, as well as the **White Elephant Stall**.

We still need extra Volunteers to take over during the Day to help run the **Crack the Safe, Lucky Dip / Lucky Duck Stall, Toy Stall and the World Food Stall**.

**The Toiletries and Jewellery Stall** still needs donations too.

We have received many **Toys, Games, Books and Non-electrical items**. However, we are still looking for more for these individual Stalls.

We also look forward to receiving **Plants**, including Fruit and Vegetable Plants, **Cakes, and World Food**.

Any **Volunteers** who are free before and after the Fete, would be encouraged to help **Set up and Clear away**. Please keep praying for good weather.

***Wishing you all a very enjoyable Fete Day and hoping you enjoy the fantastic Stalls and great attractions we have, especially the Rodeo Bull, Unicorn, Owls, Irish Dancing, Singing and Delicious Food and Drink.***

If you need to contact us about the Fete, please use the parish E-mail: **hartley@rcaos.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. 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**  
**During term time only.**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

The children will receive their First Holy Communion at Mass on Saturday 17th and Saturday 24th June. Let us keep these young children and their families in our prayers as they prepare for their special day.

### **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.

## **DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Newsletter of the Commission for promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion.** Please read the latest issue which is emailed alongside the parish newsletter. There are also hard copies on the table in the porch.

## 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**

All school aged children are welcome members of the Parish Youth Group. Adult and Young Leaders meet regularly to plan events for our young parishioners. Any ideas? Contact: Laura Bourne via the parish office.

### **ADULT CHOIR**

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

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

Contact us confidentially via the parish office.

'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'.

### **KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm in the church meeting room. We welcome any new members. Contact: William Rons [williamrons@hotmail.com](mailto: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 for further details.

### **'EASYFUNDRAISING' - DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?**

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

Over 7,000 brands will give back small donations, so you can raise funds for us no matter what you're buying. It is easy & FREE to sign up today!

Visit [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) Thankyou

**Are you a UK Taxpayer? Please consider joining the Parish Gift-Aid Scheme.** Information can be found on the parish website OR on the shelf in the church porch. Please contact the parish office for any further help.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 28th May 2023

Envelopes: £55.50 Loose Plate: £27.55

Contactless: £70.00 Online banking: £730.00

2nd Collection The Spiritans: £486.50

Thatch Fund: £54.35

*Thank you for your contributions to the parish*

**Our 2nd Collection this weekend 3rd/4th June:**

**Grounds Maintenance Work**

### THATCH FUND

**Our funding stands at £38,525.28 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk). **Newsletter items received after 11.00am Thursday may not be included that week.**

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