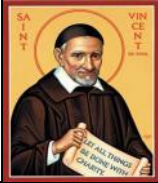




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Parish Newsletter 10th March 2024

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	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN:
SUNDAY 10th MAR	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Tuesday to Friday
VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. KATHY EDMONDS AND FAMILY	8:45am-4:00pm
8.30am	Int. ETHAN DAVIS 14th BIRTHDAY	Saturday
10:15am	Int. MOTHERS' DAY	10:00am-6:30pm
	Int. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	Sunday
MON 11th MAR	PRIVATE MASS	7:45am-12noon
TUES 12th MAR		WEEKDAY MASSES
9:30am	Int.	Monday Private Mass
WED 13th MAR		Tuesday to Friday
9:30am	Int. SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS	Eucharistic Adoration:
THUR 14th MAR		8:45am to 9:20am
9:30am	Int. HOLY SOULS	Mass: 9:30am
FRI 15th MAR		Fridays during Lent:
9:30am	Int. MARY AND LES DODD R.I.P. ANNIVERSARY	Divine Mercy Prayer:
		3.00pm
		Stations of the Cross:
		7.30pm
		WEEKEND MASSES
		Saturday:
		5:30pm (Vigil)
		Sunday:
		8:30am and 10.15am
		CONFESSIONS
		Tuesday to Friday
		8:45-9:20am
		Saturday
		4:30pm to 5:20pm
		or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like prayers and Mass offered for your loved ones' intention, or for your own intention, please take a Mass Intention envelope from the table in the porch, fill in the details and return it to Fr Clement. An offering of at least £10 should be placed inside the envelope. You can also use the contactless machine in the church, by choosing the 'Mass Intention' option, or by BACS payment to the Nat West Parish Account 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, referencing 'Mass Intention' against your offering. As our Mass is livestreamed, please note if you wish your intention to be private or seek or consent from living persons before submitting an intention for them. Thank you for your consideration and support.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUES & FRI 9.00am -11.30am, 1.30-3.00pm; THURS 10.00am - 2.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Clement-Ipuole Godwin Eru CM
Email: clementeru@rcaos.org.uk (Day off: Mon)

Parish Secretary: Jane Pemberton
Parish Council Chair: Chris Pieroni

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PRIEST
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Tel: 07459663652

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Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens
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MASS TEXTS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Psalm Res: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.*

Ephesians 2: 4-10 *You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.*

John 3: 14-21 God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Communion Antiphon: *Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.*

For Daily Prayers and 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 contact Fr Clement to arrange a visit.

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

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE MEETING

Please join us for our next CWC gathering on Wednesday March 13th, 2pm-4pm, in the Meeting Room for prayer, chat, tea and biscuits. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. Please speak with Margaret Walsh for any further information on the CWC.

MOTHERS' DAY, SUNDAY 10th MARCH

Gratitude and Blessings to all our Mothers and best wishes for a lovely Mothers' day on Sunday.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT FRIDAY 15th MARCH. There will be 2 sessions to give everyone the opportunity to attend.

The First Session will be from 12 noon

Activity: 12noon- 1:00pm Lenten Talk

1:00pm-2:00pm Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confessions leading to Divine Mercy Prayers at 3:00pm

The Second Session will be from 6:30pm

Activity: Lenten Talk and Confession leading to Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

Proceeds from our weekly Lent fasting will be collected after Stations of the Cross and all donations will be used at the end of Lent to assist the poor. If you do not carry cash, please use the contactless machine in the porch. Thankyou for your charitable giving.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

On weekdays Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, from 8:45-9:20 there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

On Saturday 16th March at 9:00am at All Saints Church Centre, Ash Road. All are warmly invited. Please let Carol know if you intend to attend carolwilton0@gmail.com

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 Fr Clement and then register on the Parish Database. Forms are available in the porch, or on the parish website.** Please also consider how you can support the parish with your time, talents and resources and speak with Fr Clement to discuss becoming involved in the parish in some way.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Membership for the 200 Club is open to anyone over 16yrs and costs £24 annually per draw number for the chance to win a prize each month. Information can be found in the church or on the parish website.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

'We are a small group who offer confidential support through phone calls, house visits, accompanying to local medical/dental appointments. We also offer confidential financial help. Contact us through Fr Clement.

DONATION BOX FOR GRAVESEND FOODBANK

Non perishable items can be left in the Food Bank Box in the Meeting Room or in the porch.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend Sunday Mass and speak to Fr. Clement afterwards to ask for an application form and to arrange a meeting with catechists for the Baptism Preparation Course. Thankyou

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays at 10.15am for school children in YR-Y2. Please bring your child into the Meeting Room before Mass and remain with until both leaders have arrived. In compliance with Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines, no adults other than the leaders can remain in the room during the session. Thankyou for your consideration.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Preparation Classes are on Fridays 3:30-4:30pm during school term.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Any adult who does not receive Communion please speak with the parish priest for guidance.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

If you have never been baptized, or if you were

baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, you are welcome to join the RCIA program, the process by which people become Catholic. Please speak to Fr Clement to discuss enrolment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION 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 please speak to Fr Clement as early as possible.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

YOUTH GROUP

All young parishioners are welcome members. Young and Adult leaders meet to plan events. Contact: Laura Bourne via hartley@rcaos.org.uk

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays at 7:30pm. New members welcome. Contact: Yvonne at yhegarty@talktalk.net

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm in the meeting Room. New members very welcome. Contact William Rons williamrons@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

2nd Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room 2:00pm. Contact: Margaret Walsh.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We have a small, friendly group whose members can visit to chat or just to lend a listening ear. Please contact Fr Clement to arrange a visit.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Monthly meetings arranged by the SVP group. Contact can be made through the parish priest.

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 to learn more about us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 3rd MARCH 2024

Envelopes: £65.00 Loose Plate: £168.92

Contactless: £70.00

2nd Collection £133.15 Thatch Fund: £48.20

Bank Standing Order figures for the month of March will be noted at the end of the month.

Thank you for your contributions to support the parish.

Please check that your GA number, Date, and 1st/ name of 2nd Collection, are noted on envelopes.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend 10th March:

Easter Flowers

THATCH FUND

Funds raised: £ 41,601.60 of our Target £55,000.00

Thankyou for your continued support! Please keep depositing your £1 weekly donation in the Thatch Fund Box at the back of the church OR use the Contactless machine in the porch.

Alternatively, please set up a £4 monthly/£52 annual Bank Standing Order at:

Nat West Bank. Account name St Francis. Account number 34363181 Sort code 60-06-33.

If you are a UK tax payer, please submit a Gift Aid declaration form online - follow directions on this page or by hard copy- on the shelf in the church porch. If you already use the parish Gift Aid scheme, please remember to note your GA number against gift aided donations. If you do not know your GA number, please contact the parish office. You can also donate via our parish *Justgiving* page www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

'EASYFUNDRAISING' - DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

Please use *easyfundraising* when you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will give back small donations to registered charities, so you can raise funds for the parish, no matter what you're buying.

It is easy & FREE to sign up. Please visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk Thanks for your help!

'PLANNED GIVING' GIFT-AIDED DONATIONS

The parish relies on contributions to maintain the church building & presbytery, supporting the priest in his ministry, which is the Church's Mission.

Please consider setting up a Monthly Bank Standing Order. This is most helpful to the parish for budgeting and planning projects.

Other ways to support the parish financially:

(i) Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes (please contact the parish office to register for envelopes)

(ii) Through *Givealittle* on the parish website

(iii) Using the Contactless Machine in the church porch or in the collection baskets.

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

(v) Using the One-off Donation envelopes

(vi) Online transaction to Nat West Bank
Account St Francis de Sales Acc: 34143580
Sort 60-06-33.

Are you a UK Taxpayer? Please consider joining the Parish Gift-Aid Scheme. For every £1 you Gift Aid, we receive an extra 25p!

Simply scan the QR code with your phone and fill in the form or visit the web link. Please contact the parish office for any assistance. Thankyou so much. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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or visit: forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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