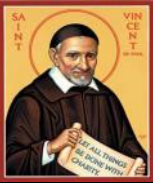




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Parish Newsletter 7th April 2024
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St. Francis de Sales Live Stream: www.churchservices.tvhartley

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Mass Book page 259

	MASS INTENTIONS	THE CHURCH IS OPEN:
SUNDAY 7th April	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Tuesday - Friday
SAT VIGIL 5:30pm	Int. PAT & JACK HINDE, THANKSGIVING FOR 65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	8:45am-4:00pm
SUN 8:30am	Int. BERNADETTE GRAY R.I.P.	Saturday
SUN 10:15am	Int. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	10:00am-6:30pm
MON 8th APRIL	PRIVATE MASS	Sunday
TUES 9th APRIL		7:45am-12noon
9:30am	Int. HOLY SOULS	WEEKDAY MASSES
WED 10th APRIL		Tuesday - Friday
9:30am	Int. VINCENT REGAN R.I.P ANNIVERSARY	9:00am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer
THUR 11th APRIL		9:30am: Mass
9:30am	Int. ANONYMOUS INTENTION	WEEKEND MASSES
FRI 12th APRIL		Saturday
9:30am	Int.	5:30pm Vigil Mass
MASS INTENTIONS		Sunday
To have prayers and Mass offered for loved ones, or for your own intention, please use a Mass Intention envelope from the table in the porch and return it to Fr Clement. An offering of at least £10 can be placed in the envelope, or given by using the 'Mass Intention' option on the Contactless machine or by BACS payment to the Nat West Parish Account 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, reference 'Mass Intention'. As our Mass is livestreamed, please note if you wish your intention to be private or seek consent from living persons before submitting an intention for them. Thank you.		8:30am and 10.15am
		CONFESSIONS
		Tuesday - Friday
		8:40am - 9:20am
		Saturday
		4:30pm to 5:20pm or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY 10.00am - 2.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Clement 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
DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

Email: hartleypcc@rcaos.org.uk

Tel: 07459663652

Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens

Email: hartleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

MASS TEXTS FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35 United, heart and soul

Psalm Res: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.*

1 John 5:1-6 Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world

John 20: 19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.

Communion Antiphon: *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

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, peace, and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

If you were away from the parish last weekend and wish to make your Easter Offering this weekend, please either use the Easter Offering envelopes that are on the table in the porch, or the Contactless machine. You may also give by Bank Transfer to the parish Nat West Bank account St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort code 60-06-33, reference 'Easter Offering'. Thank you

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB DRAW

March winners: 1st Prize £50 no. 106 Patrick Shirley. 2nd Prize £25 no. 15 Michael Shirley.

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC) MEETING

All are welcome to join the CWC for a happy, social get together on Wednesday 10th April at 2pm in the Meeting Room.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PROGRAM

Saturday, Day 9 Novena: 3:00pm

Sunday 2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration

3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Talk on God's mercy

Confession

Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Benediction



BERNADETTE GRAY FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Requiem Mass for our beloved parishioner Bernadette Gray will take place here on Tuesday 16th April at 11:00am. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Mass and all are welcome to join Duncan, Lysanne and the family for a reception afterwards.

OUR LADY OF HARTLEY SCHOOL

If you have any serviceable but unused laptops or Mac books lying around the house that you no longer need or want, then please consider donating them to Our Lady of Hartley. We will convert them into Chromebooks and they will be used to support children in class. Please note, converting them to Chromebooks will completely wipe the memory and old files will not be recoverable. Thankyou.

Our Lady of Hartley Catholic Primary School have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor every day, and a Breakfast Club Assistant on Friday mornings. Application Forms and Job Descriptions on school website. Applications to be submitted by Thursday 11th April by 11.00am by email to Mr Baker headteacher@our-lady-hartley.kcsp.org.uk or by hand to Mrs Gemmell on Thursday 11th April between 9.30am and 11.00am

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.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

Membership 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 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.'

DONATION BOX FOR GRAVESEND FOODBANK

Non perishable items can be left in the Food Bank Box in the Meeting Room. Thank you.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

Parishioners are asked to first check the **SACRAMENTS** section on the parish website for general information. Please speak with Fr Clement for any further advice. Those wishing to enrol for Sacramental programs should be registered parishioners, attending Mass.

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend Sunday Mass and speak to Fr. Clement for advice on how to proceed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - FOR CHILDREN IN YR-Y2

Resumes Sunday 21st April at 10.15am. 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

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

Leaders meet regularly 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.

Contact William Rons williamrons@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)

Second Wednesday each month 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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 31st MARCH 2024

EASTER OFFERING: £2,104.71

Good Friday Collection Holy Places £73.30

Proceeds from Lenten Fast: £342.80

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

Our 2nd Collection this weekend: Parish Needs

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

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT AS OF MARCH 29th 2024: £41,812.73

TARGET AMOUNT £55,000.00 MINIMUM

Thankyou for your continued support. Please keep depositing your 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, you can Gift Aid your Thatch Fund donations - please scan the QR code below or take a hard copy from the shelf in the church porch. If you already use the parish Gift Aid scheme, please note your GA number to donations. If you do not know your GA number, contact the parish office.

You can also donate via our parish *Justgiving* page www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR TAX YEAR 6th APRIL 2024-5th APRIL 2025 ARE AVAILABLE NOW.

For parishioners who are on the parish Gift Aid scheme and who use envelopes for Offertory and Special/2nd Collections, your new box of envelopes is ready to be picked up this weekend from the Meeting room after all Masses. **Also, for those who make Offertory donations by Bank Standing Order**, please collect the set of envelopes with your GA number for Special/2nd Collection donations. Please ask if you are unsure of your number.

'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.

'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.** Visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk Thank you.

Are you a UK Taxpayer? Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme to add 25p to every £1 you donate to the parish.

Scan the QR code with your phone and fill in the form or visit the web link. Contact the parish office for any further assistance.

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Sign up to
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Scan QR code
or visit: forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

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