

Shrine of Our Lady of Hartley 2024 Pilgrimage

From noon, on Saturday 4 May

► Refreshments available from 11.30 am

Join this celebration of prayers, hymns and reflections from the beautiful church of Saint Francis de Sales (formed from a 500-year-old thatched barn), home to the Marian Shrine.

Our time includes hymns and prayers to Our Lady and ends with a period of Eucharistic Adoration prior to the parish Vigil Mass, which starts at 5.30 pm.

Those short of time are welcome to join us temporarily.

Address : Church Road, Hartley, Kent DA3 8DW (on corner with Stack Lane).

Nearest station: Longfield, on line from Victoria to the Medway Towns and Dover, 1 mile distant

Pope Benedict XV approved a new title for Our Lady in May 1921, impressed by the rapid development of the Oratory of St Francis de Sales since 1913 and the welcome organised for World War One refugees. He indicated the shrine's status as a Major Marian Shrine by attaching a Plenary Indulgence available to those who visit and pray for peace in Europe.

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The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Mother, who is always ready to intercede for us with the Lord. The parish of Hartley is observing 33 days of Rosary Prayer from 29 April to 31 May, praying together in church at 10.00 am from Tuesday to Friday each week and praying privately or as families on other days – apart from this Saturday pilgrimage and on the evening of the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31 May, which will be marked by a Procession, Blessing of Brown Scapulars and of Sacramental Water for private use. Please try to join in, perhaps using the church's LiveStream link on Tuesdays to Fridays – www.churchservices.tv/Hartley