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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

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 register on the Parish Database. Forms are available in the porch/on the parish website.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

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

BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend Sunday Mass and ask Fr Clement for a Baptism Application form and Mass Attendance form. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: November 17th

For children aged 4-7years on Sunday during 10.15am Mass. Please bring your child into the Mass for blessing before going with leaders to the Meeting Room. Please speak to Fr Clement if you would like to help. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILATION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

The next lesson will be on Monday 25th November 2024 3:30-4:30pm in the church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

The first lesson will be on Wednesday 20th November 2024 in the church meeting room

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 for further help.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, involved in services within your parish and community, and feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church - you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information please speak to Fr. Clement.

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, contact Fr. Clement as early as possible.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – PLEASE REGISTER

Over 18's can fill in a registration form and return it to Fr Clement. For under 18's, parents must give their consent. Forms are in the church porch or on the parish website http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk

NEXT WEEK IS NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY Our 2nd Collection next Sunday will be in support of youth work in our diocese especially the Catholic Youth Services.

IRIS COCKLIN REQUISECAT IN PACEM

The Funeral Mass for our beloved parishioner Iris Cocklin will take place here on Friday 22nd November 2024 at 11:00am. Parishioners are encouraged to attend in support of Iris' family

MARGARET HAVARD REQUISECAT IN PACEM

The Funeral Mass for our beloved parishioner Margaret Havard will take place here on Monday 25th November 2024 at 11:00am. Parishioners are encouraged to attend in support of Margaret's family.

TERENCE O'SULLIVAN REQUISECAT IN PACEM

With great sadness, we announce the death of our beloved parishioner Terence O'Sullivan (Terry) on 3rd November 2024. Terry's Funeral Mass will take place here on Thursday 28th November 2024 at 11:00am. Parishioners are encouraged to attend in support of Terry's family.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, the Christian Faithful remember in our prayers the souls of those who have gone before us. Please use an envelope marked for the November Holy Souls and place inside it the names of the departed you would like to pray for during this month and **PLACE YOUR ENVELOPES IN THE BOX BY THE SHRINE.** Where a donation is made, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the repose of those souls named.

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 7:00pm MASS IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALL NAMES IN OUR PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK.

Please join us as we will pray for our deceased parishioners, loved ones and friends. During Mass we will light Holy Souls candles in loving memory of our departed, which will remain lit throughout November 30th. The Holy Souls candles are available now, if you could kindly leave a donation of £5 for each, thankyou. Please write the name of your loved ones on the stickers and attach them to the candles.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION The next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in will be on Friday 6th December.

A Volunteer sheet is available now in the church porch- please add your name (first name only) and period of time during the day you can spend with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.

ASSISTED SUICIDE STATEMENT

The Catholic Bishops of England, Wales, along with their brother bishops in Scotland, have issued a joint statement ahead of the Second Reading of the Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill, calling for compassionate action to oppose the Bill. **Copies of the statement are available in the church porch and on the website.**

With only two weeks remaining until the parliamentary debate and vote, the bishops urge Catholics and all who share our belief in the sanctity and value of every human life to contact their local MP, expressing their opposition and requesting that they either oppose or abstain from supporting the Bill. Cards are available in the porch to please take, sign and send to your MP.

NEW MASS BOOKS: REMAINING COSTS

Thank you to everyone who has so far sponsored the new Lectionaries and Mass books that we will be using during Mass from 1st December 2024, the First Sunday of Advent, Year C.

The remaining Parish Mass Books needed for you and your family's use during Mass at a cost of £5.00 each are: 116 books for Year A, Vol 2 (£520) and then 120 books for Year B, Volume 1 and 120 for Year B Volume 2. (£1,200) In total £1,720.

Please consider sponsoring the books Donations can be made in the usual way, by: Cash, Cheque, Cashless Machine, Direct Debit to the parish account St Francis de Sales Acc: 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 10th NOV 2024 Envelopes £54.50 Loose cash: £126.75

Contactless: £132.00 2nd Collection: £212.70

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kindly check that your GA number, the date, and whether 1st or name of 2nd Collection, are noted correctly on envelopes, thank you.

2nd Collection this weekend: Parish Needs

THATCH FUND AMOUNT RAISED as of 31st October 2024: £44,528.85

TARGET AMOUNT £55,000.00 MINIMUM

Urgent support is needed and very greatly appreciated to help meet our Thatch Fund target. Our **£1 per week** commitment can be:

- Given in cash via the church Thatch Fund Box
- Given via Contactless machine in the church
- Given by Cheque to 'St Francis de Sales'
- Placed in white envelopes available in church

• Given by a £4 monthly/£52 annual Bank Standing Order at: Nat West Bank Account name St Francis. Account number 34363181 Sort code 60-06-33.

• Online, on our parish *Justgiving* page: www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley

GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE.

For Tax Year 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025 for all donors of 1st/2nd/Special Collections who are registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme. Please ask after weekend Mass for your envelopes or contact the parish office.

One-Off donations can also be made using the white envelopes in the porch thankyou. Please add your details to Gift Aid the donation.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH FINANCIALLY

(i) Bank Monthly Standing Order to Nat West Bank Account.

Account name: St Francis de Sales Account no: 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33. (ii) Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes (please contact the parish office to sign up) (iii) Via *Givealittle* on the parish website (iv) Use the Contactless Machine in the porch or *handsfree* at collection (v) Cheque payable to **RCAS Hartley** (vi) Use the One-off Donation envelopes

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Visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

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

Contact Tina Shirley by email on: stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com



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