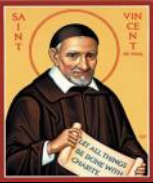




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Parish Newsletter 15th December 2024
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| | MASS INTENTIONS | THE CHURCH IS OPEN |
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| SAT 14th December VIGIL 5:30pm | Int. Pat and Jimmy Gregory R.I.P | Tuesday - Friday 8:45am-3:00pm Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm Sunday 7:45am-12noon |
| SUN 15th December 8:30am | Int. Maureen Smith and Pauline Watts R.I.P. Int. Jon, for healing. | WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - Friday 8:45am: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer. 9:30am: Mass First Fridays of month Eucharistic Adoration 10:30pm - 3:00pm 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Benediction |
| SUN 10:15am | Int: Natalya Assam – 8th Birthday Int. People of the Parish | WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 10.15am |
| MON 16th December | Private Mass | CONFESSIONS Tues-Fri 8:50-9:20am Sat 4:30pm-5:20pm or by appointment |
| TUES 17th December 9:30am | Feria Int: David Eaton; Dante, Napolean and Adoration Brillo, and Fely Augustin R.I.P. | PLEASE NOTE THE TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER. |
| WED 18th December 9:30am 11:00am | Feria Int: John and Eileen Mc Donagh R.I.P. Funeral Mass of Nora Josephine Potter | |
| THUR 19th December 9:30am | Feria Int: Anonymous Intention. Int. Sick and Housebound parishioners | |
| FRI 20th December 9:30am | Feria Int: Iris and Anthony Cocklin R.I.P. | |

MASS INTENTIONS: To have prayers and Mass offered for your intention please use a Mass Intention envelope from the porch and return it to Fr Clement. An offering donation can be placed in the envelope, or given by using the 'Mass Intention' option on the Contactless machine or by BACS payment to Nat West Parish Account St Francis de Sales 34143580 Sort 60-06-33, reference 'Mass Intention'. As our Mass is livestreamed, please make it known if you wish your intention to be private or seek please consent from living persons before submitting an intention for them. Thank you.

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: 07872572994

Safeguarding representative: Judith Stephens

Email: hartleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

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

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: December 15th 2024

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. **Children's Liturgy will restart on January 12th 2025.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST.

Christmas Envelopes are available now in the porch for your use, or you may give by the usual methods i.e. cash, cheque, Cashless machine, OR by BACS payment/online banking to: Nat West Bank: St Francis de Sales, Account no. 34143580 SC 60-06-33, please use the reference 'Christmas Offering' Thank you for your kindness and support.

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

No lesson on Monday 16th December

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

The next lesson will be on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7:00pm in the church.

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, 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 sign and return the registration form. For under 18's, parents must give their consent. Forms are in the church porch or on the website <http://saintfrancisdesales.org.uk>

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved parishioner Nora Potter who died recently. Nora's funeral will take place here on Wednesday 18th December at 11:00am. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Mass in support of Nora's family.

POSITION FOR A REGISTERED CARER

'Companion/Carer for elderly lady 2-4 hours per week, £17 per hour. Please text only 07767 770627'

ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB

The December Draw will take place on Sunday 22nd December, in time for Christmas. There will be three prizes of £160, £100 and £80.

The 200 Club is open to anyone over the age of 16yrs. All relevant information on how to join is available in the church porch or on the website www.saintfrancisdesales.org.uk or please contact Tina Shirley on 07789862902 or at stfrancisdesales200club@gmail.com

NEW MASS BOOKS: REMAINING COSTS

We are now using the new Lectionaries and Mass books which have been so generously sponsored by parishioners.

The Parish Mass Books still needed for our use during Mass, at a cost of £5.00 each, are: 120 books each for Year B, Volume 1 (£600) and Year B Volume 2 (£600) Total: £1,200.

Donations can be made in the usual way by Cash, Cheque, Cashless, Direct Debit to the parish account St Francis de Sales Account number 34143580 Sort Code 60-06-33

Thank you in for your generous ongoing support and commitment to the parish.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale now in the meeting room after all weekend Masses, £1 per ticket/£5 per strip. Fantastic Hampers full of goodies for all ages to be won, and other great prizes. The draw will take place next Sunday 22nd December after 10:15am Mass.

| DATES TO NOTE IN DECEMBER | SERVICES |
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| Sunday 15th December 3:00pm | Parish Carol Service |
| Tuesday 17th December 10:30am | End of Term Mass for OLOH School |
| Monday 23rd December Tuesday 24th December | No Mass No morning Mass |
| TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER 4:00pm 4:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm | Children's Carols Children's Vigil Mass Adult's Carols Midnight Mass |
| WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY | ONE PARISH MASS AT 9:30am |
| THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER 9:30am | Mass Int. Fr. Clement's Birthday Int. Ava Chaney-Russell's 7th Birthday |
| FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER | No Mass |
| SAT 28th/SUN 29th DECEMBER | Normal weekend Masses: 5:30pm Sat and 8:30am, 10:15am Sunday |
| MONDAY 30th DECEMBER | No Mass |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

8th December 2024

Envelopes £60.00 Loose cash: £149.10

Contactless: £126.00

2nd Collection 08/12/24: £196.90

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

2nd Collection this weekend: Parish Needs

Christmas Offering to the Parish Priest 2024:
Envelopes are available in the porch

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

THATCH FUND

AMOUNT RAISED as of 30th November 2024:

£44,702.34

TARGET AMOUNT £55,000.00 MINIMUM

Urgent support is needed and very greatly appreciated to help meet our Thatch Fund target.

Donations/£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 OR any other amount by BACS donation 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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