

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Easter - Year C

28th April 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Times:

Saturday 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Sunday: 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst & 10.30am Sacred Heart Church

Monday to Friday: 9.30am Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist: Adoration Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am & Saturday morning 11am to 12pm followed by reconciliation

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass 9.30am & 8.00pm at Goudhurst, 11.00am at Hawkhurst

Anniversaries: Rowland Firth, Joe O'Grady, Jo Chenery, Delia Pemble, Mrs Norman, Patrick Coyne, Denis Eccles, and Bernard Myles. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Barbara Toll, Cynthia Raza, and Eileen Collett.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Parish Meeting at the Sacred Heart Church This Sunday 28th April 11.30am

We are holding a full Parish meeting after the 10.30 mass on Sunday, to hear a report from the discussions our parishioners had with Cranbrook Parish on the 9th April. This is an opportunity to discuss a proposal for how we see the future combined parish operating. This is only a beginning, and the first, and most important question is what is a parish meant to be? (A communion of those who faithfully follow Christ). Please come along if you can, thank you. Fr Vic.

Children's Liturgy & First Holy Communion

Children's liturgy & First Holy Communion classes start back this weekend, Sunday 28th April.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. John Paul II established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy. Jesus said **"...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine**

floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". To read more and to download the chaplet including information on how to pray it, please visit

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/jimmy-akin/9-things-you-need-to-know-about-divine-mercy-sunday>

Parish Annual General Meeting 12th May in the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst, at 11.30am after mass.

This meeting will be an opportunity for parishioners to hear about the work being carried out by different groups in the parish & plans for future activities, along with a report on the parish 2018 finances. Please join us to learn more about what is going on and to share your suggestions. Thank You Fr Vic.

Lent Lunches - Hawkhurst

Lent lunches raised a total of £680.72. Thank you all for your help and support. Proceeds will be shared between Dunk's and Springett's Educational Foundation and Hastings Hygiene Bank.

Save the Date Saturday 29th June Raising Faith Conference at St Mary's Church, further details to follow.

Gift Aid boxes Please collect your box from the back of the church. Thank you.



Parish Collections

20th & 21st April:

**Total: £1,839.15 of which
£1,374.50 was Gift Aided
Thank you.**

Announcements

**2nd Collection this weekend:
for the maintenance of
St George's Cathedral.**

**Weekday Masses return as
normal Monday 29th April.**

**Adoration Saturday 11th May
will be at 10am.**