

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

24th November 2019

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

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

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Adoration: Wednesdays 8.30am to 9.30am & Saturday morning 11am to 12pm followed by reconciliation

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

Anniversaries: Leslie Atkinson, Catherine Scarlett, Christine Bodger, Vera Crouch, and Marian Fraczyk. May they live in God's light forever.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for November - Dialogue & Reconciliation in the Near East

We pray that a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Second Collection This weekend - National Youth Sunday This collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service. Thank you for your support.

Parish Autumn Fair on Saturday 17 November - THANK YOU! Our grateful thanks to all those who helped with and supported the fair and donated and bought goods. We raised a fantastic £1,745.08 which is £350 more than last year! Fr Vic

New parish Facebook page We have a new Facebook page! We will use it for announcements and as a community interface. Please come and give us a like at: [FB.me/rcgoudhurst](https://www.facebook.com/rcgoudhurst)

Altar Servers Our parish is pleased to be inviting new people to come forward to serve as Altar Servers. Serving at the Altar during Mass or other services is a great honour. Anyone can apply to become an Altar Server after making their first Holy Communion if they attend Mass regularly. Full training for new and current servers will be held on 18th Jan 2020.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2020 Lessons will begin in mid-January for children in year 3, aged 7 to 8 or above who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year. Parents should pick up an enrolment form and speak to Fr Vic. Louise Martine will be leading the classes. It is very important that all forms are received before Christmas so that the books can be ordered in time. Thank you, Fr Vic

Christmas Services

1 December 6:30pm Churches Together Goudhurst Advent Carol Service: An uplifting, beautiful choral service with music and readings Christ Church, Kilndown.

1 December 6:30pm Churches Together Hawkhurst Advent Service: St Lawrence Church, Hawkhurst

22 December 6:30pm Carol Service: Hawkhurst Village Carol Service at St Lawrence Church, Hawkhurst.

24 December 6:00pm Christmas Eve: Sacred Heart, Goudhurst. Carols & readings start at 6:00 before Mass at 6:30

25 December 8:30am Christmas Day Mass: St Barnabas, Hawkhurst

10:30am Christmas Day Mass: Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

****Christmas Services are always extremely busy, if you are reading, please arrive at least 30 minutes before the service to ensure you can get into the Church****

Please note that there will be no weekday masses Thursday, 26 December & Friday, 27 December. Masses on Saturday, 28 December and Sunday, 29 December will be at usual times

Christmas Cards We have a few packets of Christmas Cards left over from the Autumn Fair. They are at the back of the church and are priced individually. Please use the newspapers and books money tin for your payment. Thank you.

Gardening at Hawkhurst Church We are looking for a group of volunteers to do a small tidy up of the grounds of St Barnabas. It would only be for an hour or so on a Saturday morning. If you can help, please let Christina know goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk and we'll arrange a date. Thank you

The Community Cupboard - Food Bank St Mary's, Christchurch & Sacred Heart Churches Together are collecting to provide food & basic toiletries in the short term for those experiencing financial difficulties. Donations are greatly appreciated. There is a box in the entrance of St Mary's, at Christchurch, and one in the Sacred Heart Church. There is a list of accepted items on the boxes, and you can pick up a suggested Shopping List. More details on www.gkchurch.org.uk look under "Connect".



Parish Collections

Last Weekend

Total: £365.75

Gift Aid: £277.00

Thank you for your support

Announcements

2nd Collection coming up

8th December for Heating Oil for the Church and Presbytery

****No weekday mass on Monday mornings****