

# GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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## First Sunday of Advent

1st December 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:** Alice Burgess, Herbert Fitzgerald, Leonard Law, Father Pradeep Joshi SJ, Betty Widdowson, and Marie Van Graan. 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 December - The Future of the Very Young

We pray that every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**Second Collection next weekend - Heating Oil** This collection is to help towards the running costs of heating the churches and presbytery. Thank you for your support.

**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 money tin provided for your payment. Thank you.



## Parish Collections

### Last Weekend

Total: £365.10

Gift Aid: £283.00

Standing Orders for Nov:

£1,167.50

Catholic Youth Services:

Total: £147.54

Gift Aid: £91.55

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\*\***

### First collections against targets up to end of August

### Target to be collected in rest of year

