

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Advent

8th 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: Ada Tate, Anthony Berkeley, Reggie Gordon, Jack Brady, and Margaret Murphy. 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 this weekend - Heating Oil This collection is to help towards the running costs of heating the churches and presbytery. Thank you for your support.

Crib Offering 2019: Catholic Children's Society This Christmas our crib offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants. Thank you for your support.

Second Collection next weekend - Families in need in our parish This collection is to help families in need in our parish over the Christmas period. 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

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

No Coffee After Mass on Sunday December 15th - There's a small event happening in the Presbytery but we'll be back for the final, 2019 Coffee After Mass on Sunday December 22nd. See you then.

The Endow Small Group - Ever wondered about your role within the Church and God's plan for this world? Ever been curious about who St Theresa of Avila was? Ever struggled to justify your faith under awkward secular scrutiny? Ever just been full of a whole heap of questions about what on earth is this Catholicism malarkey you seem to be a part of? And how is it relevant to today, by the way?

Oh, and you're a woman? Marvellous. This is the group for you. It's a space to ask those questions, to grow in your knowledge and understanding of your faith. There will be tea. There will be big topics and big discussions. It's going to be brilliant. Details to follow!

Parish Collections

Last Weekend

Total: £392.63

Gift Aid: £287.00

Thank you for your support

Announcements

2nd Collection coming up

15th December for Families in need in our parish

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