

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd 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: May Roberts, Edward Martin, Michael McRory, Desmond Cluley, Arthur Nutt, Mike Taylor, Norah Hudson, Betty Bennett, Martin Jackson, Maxine Hayes, Maria Roberts, Jean D'Arcy, and Timothy Noel Sheehan. 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.

Christmas Collections: The collections for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are for your personal gift offering to Fr Vic. Please use your Gift Aid envelopes, as all the collection goes to Fr Vic but can still be Gift Aided. Please make cheques payable to Goudhurst Catholic Church. Thank you.

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.

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

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? <https://www.endowgroups.org/> Interested or intrigued? Starting **Monday January 6th at 7.30pm in Horsmonden**. For more information contact zoe.willis@yahoo.co.uk

The Christmas Prayer of Pope John XXII

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

—Pope John XXIII



Parish Collections

Last Weekend

Total: £ 524.93

Gift Aid: £417.41

2nd Collection:

Total: £470.05

Gift Aid: £

Thank you for your support

Announcements

Coffee After Mass:

Today is our last meeting, thank you all for your support this year!

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