

# GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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## The Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2020

### 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:** John Rourke, Catherine Meade, Bridget Conlon, Doris Vinehill, Mrs Ewins, Joe Hover, Patrick St Pierre, Alice Keal, Fred Bertie Smith, Abigail Firth, James Naylor, Peter Ryan, and Susan Mary Murdoch. 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.



## Parish Collections

### Last Weekend

Total: £384.38

Gift Aid: £345.00

Crib Offering: £182.04

Thank you for your support

## Announcements

### January 2nd Collections:

12th White Flower Appeal

19th Pax Christi

### Pilgrimage Knock Shrine:

16th March to Celebrate St Patrick's Day Please see Poster on the noticeboard for details

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

### Pope's Prayer Intention for JANUARY: Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**SPUC White Flower Collection THIS weekend:** On 21 October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England & Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack. Thank you.

**Altar Servers** Are you an Altar Server? Would you like to serve at Mass and support Fr Vic? Our parish is pleased to be inviting new people to come forward to serve as Altar Servers. **We are holding a mandatory training day on 18th January for current and new 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. We really need more adults and young adults to serve at mass and support Fr Vic. Please RSVP Elizabeth Corcoran [dsrf.liz@gmail.com](mailto:dsrf.liz@gmail.com) or the parish office if you would like to serve on a monthly basis. Thank you

**LAST CALL!! FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2020** Lessons will **begin on the 19th January** for children in year 3, aged 7 to 8 or above who wish to make their First Holy Communion at the end of May. Parents should pick up an enrolment form and speak to Fr Vic **ASAP**. Louise Martine will be leading the classes. **It is very important that all forms are received now** so that the books can be ordered in time. Thank you, Fr Vic

**The Endow Small Group** This started last week and will continue on **Mondays at 7.30pm in Horsmonden**. See <https://www.endowgroups.org/> and contact [zoe.willis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:zoe.willis@yahoo.co.uk) if you are interested in coming along. It's not too late, just let Zoe know if you'd like to come to a session or two!

**The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** This is the week of 18th - 25th January 2020 and the annual Unity Service is on Sunday 19th January 6pm at St. Dunstan's Church in Cranbrook. This covers all the Churches and Parishes from Benenden to Kildown and Sandhurst/Hawkhurst to Staplehurst. All are welcome.

**Maidstone and Hastings Day Centres** for homeless people need warm, clean clothes for men & women. Please can you give any of the following clothes including: shoes and boots, fleeces, anoraks, coats, sleeping bags, blankets, jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves, socks - **only clean, warm winter clothes** please. We will collect until end of January. Thank you. Fr Vic.

### **From the Diocese: Fundraising Volunteer Role Location: Finance Office, 59 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JE**

**Hours: Ideally 2 days per week for 6 months – can be flexible**

This role will involve tasks such as organising the legacy gifts files, data entry onto a CRM database, mail-merging thank you letters, general administration, scanning and filing, helping to organise events, printing and mailing materials, etc. The role brings opportunities for someone to get a good idea on how a fundraising department works and its various component parts. If you would like to apply please send your CV with a cover note explaining you are interested in this role to Sarah Wood, HR Manager, via email [sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk)

**Vacancy for Head teacher:** The governors of St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School in Mortlake, London SW14 8HE are looking to recruit a Head teacher to take up post in September 2020. For more information, please see the school website - [www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk) - or contact Evelyn Fernandes at: [admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk) for an application pack.