

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19th 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: France Dorothy Billson, Mary Degutis, Phil Heart, Canon Joe Callinan, Kit Wilkinson, Eric Tanzer, Vivienne Peach, Kate Warr, Christopher Graves, and Ted Myles. 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: £469.58

Gift Aid: £347.00

SPUC: £235.02

Thank you for your support

Announcements

January 2nd Collections:

19th Pax Christi (Peace Sunday)

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.

Pax Christi 2nd Collection THIS weekend The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Thank you for supporting our cause.

LAST CALL!! FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2020

Lessons will **begin NEXT Sunday 26th 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

Tilling the soil: Pre-evangelization and Conversion Event Saturday 1st February Common experience among catechists today is that youngsters come forward for sacramental preparation, often from non-practicing homes, without having been evangelised. Evangelists are familiar with the benefit of establishing trust in order to announce the gospel. As evangelists and catechists, we need to consider how we 'prepare the soil' to receive the Seed of the Word so that it can flourish. This day will explore 'pre-evangelization', the cause of faith in the soul and how this relates to the craft of catechesis and the ministry of evangelization. Any catechists, evangelists or Catholics simply looking to evangelise family and friends, will benefit from attending this day. This Evangelization Gathering takes place at the Centre for Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec, London SW17 8BS. The day will begin at 11am and finish at 4pm and lunch will be provided. Tickets cost £10 and can be bought here: <http://buytickets.at/centreforcatholicformation/324240>

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity This is the week of 18th - 25th January 2020 and the annual Unity Service is **this Sunday 19th January, 6pm at St. Dunstan's Church** in Cranbrook. This covers all the Churches and Parishes from Benenden to Kilndown 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

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 - or contact Evelyn Fernandes at: admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk for an application pack.