

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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The Presentation of the Lord Year A

2nd February 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: Janina Lesniewska-Chapman, Sadie Brown, Jack de Wilton, James Bolland, Irene Lilian Brookman, and Mary Morley. 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: £449.51

Gift Aid: £364.00

S/O Jan: £1,417.00

Thank you for your support

Pope's Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY: Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Racial Justice Sunday Next weekend we celebrate Racial Justice, the theme is "You are at the Heart of the Church". It will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. To support the Church in its work with travelers, a second collection will take place next Sunday. Your contributions however great or small will help make a difference. Thank you

Announcements

February 2nd Collections:

9th Racial Justice Sunday

23rd Poor Parishes

Please pray for the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion

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

Adoration at the Sacred Heart Church Adoration provides us with a wonderful opportunity to be with the Lord in a setting of peace and quiet. We have adoration every Wednesday morning at 8.30 to 9.30 and every Saturday morning at 11 to 12. Do come along and spend some time in the peace and serenity of the church. "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth." - Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Lenten Course Our parish is excited to be holding a Lenten course using the new Sycamore programme. It takes you through some of the great themes of Christian faith and is suitable for established Christians or the 'just curious'. "An interesting and thought provoking programme" When? **Tuesdays 7pm starting on 25th Feb** (Shrove Tuesday) and running for 6 sessions. Details to follow but save the date & register interest with dsrf.liz@gmail.com

The God Who Speaks – Year of the Word 2020 To mark the special Year of the Word Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on **Saturday 27th June**. Mass will be at 12pm followed by an inspiring programme, BBQ and picnic. For more details and bookings visit www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/2020Word.htm please save the date in your diary.

Coffee After mass We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with organising our coffee after mass on Sundays. Zoe will be taking a well-deserved break for a few months from March and so we need some helpers in the interim. We just need someone to help with the rota, be a backup on Sunday, and make sure we have enough supplies. Interested? Please email Zoe at zoe.willis@yahoo.co.uk if you can help, even just for a month or so. Thank you!

Marriage & Family Life Have two courses A Time for Mourning on 20th-22nd March 2020 A retreat/workshop for those suffering from the pain of loss and Building a Better Marriage - Saturday 4th April 2020. Please see Leaflet for more details.

