

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

23rd 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: Grace Barbyer, Agnes Grabham, Francis Forrest, Suzanne Claire Quittenden, Bernard (Barney) Underwood, Malcolm Borland, and Bozena Kohoutova. 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 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.

Second Collection - Poor Parishes This weekend we have a second collection for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants available to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese. Your contributions however great or small will help make a difference. Thank you.

Lent Services

Ash Wednesday 26th February

9.30am mass - Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

11.00am mass - St Barnabas Church, Hawkhurst

8.00pm Ecumenical service at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst, with St Mary's Church.

Update on the Recommendations for Implementing the Amalgamation of Goudhurst and Cranbrook

A Proposal has now been agreed by the committee members of Goudhurst and Cranbrook. Fr Peter Soper presented the report to the Deanery Clergy on 11th February. It was unanimously approved by the [Deanery] clergy with their agreement to take it to the Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC) on 25th February. Jean Shill will present it to the DPC. Fr Peter will then have a meeting with John O'Toole, who will take the Proposal to the Archbishop's Council. Fr Peter will present it with the understanding that we (the parishioners) would like feedback on the Proposal and on the various questions and issues raised. Please see the Executive Summary and if you would like a copy of the full report, please email the parish office. Thank you, Fr Vic

Lenten Course Our Lenten course will start next Tuesday 25th February at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church and will run for 6 weeks. We are using the new Sycamore programme, which takes you through some of the great themes of Christian faith and is suitable for established Christians or the 'just curious'. Please register interest with Liz as soon as possible so we have an idea of numbers. Email: dsrf.liz@gmail.com Thank you.

Churches Together Lent Lunches This year Lent Lunches will be held at the Baptist Church in Hawkhurst **12pm to 1.30pm starting on 6th March at St Lawrence Church**. Please see poster for all dates and further details – the proceeds will be split equally between Seaview Charity and Dunks Educational Charity Hawkhurst.

World Day of Prayer Service St Lawrence Church are organising and leading the World Day of Prayer service (formally Women's World Day of Prayer). This year it falls on the 2nd Friday in Lent, 6th March. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women in Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" and will be at 11.30am followed by the Lent Lunch from 12.30pm, in St Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day this year will be on Friday 6th March and we will hold a second collection on the 7th & 8th March. Envelopes will be put out in the churches next weekend for you to return on the 7/8th March.

A Day with Mary this will be held at Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Road Addiscombe **on Saturday 14th March at 9.15am**. Please see poster at the back of the church for more details.

Year of the Word In this Year of the Word, the Catholic Bishops' Conference have set us all a challenge to join together in reading St Matthew's Gospel, just a few verses each day, over 44 days:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/saint-matthews-gospel-day-by-day/> Perfect for Lent!

Groups in our Parish Please note, all groups in our parish are run by leaders who have been DBS checked and are part of the National Safeguarding Scheme. Our Safeguarding representatives are Hawkhurst: Ali Lane and Goudhurst: Ros Chandler.

Parish Collections

Last Weekend

Total: £289.02

Gift Aided: £262.40

Thank you for your support

Announcements

February 2nd Collections:

Today Poor Parishes

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

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