

## GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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**Second Sunday of Lent Year A**

**8th March 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:** Fr Maurice Byron, Fr Joe Coleman, Patrick Gough, Peggy Bellingham, Anthony Bennett, Clara Esther Clemence, Craig Barber, Norman Purdye, Rosemary Atkins, Alain Peter Hosking, Rowena McGuire, Sean Hurton, Anthony Bennett, and Pamela Duncan Ebert. 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 MARCH: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Second Collection This weekend CAFOD** Please use the envelope you took home last weekend if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. Thank you for your support.

**Second Collection LEpra - Next Weekend** Abi Wells is coming to our parish to make an appeal on behalf of Lepra next weekend. Today approximately 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, 50 of whom will be children. Lepra continues to cure people of the disease and to support them and their families towards a healthy life free of disability and the fear of disfigurement. It costs approximately £25 to cure one person of leprosy. Lepra also helps people to set up their own small business by offering training and support through their socio-economic schemes. This allows them a secure future for themselves and their families. Thank you for your support.

**Stations of the Cross During Lent** will be on Fridays at 9.00am at the Sacred Heart before the 9.30am mass and Saturdays at 5.00pm at the Sacred Heart before the 5.30pm mass.

**Adoration at the Sacred Heart Church** We have adoration every Wednesday morning at 8.30 to 9.30 and every Saturday morning at 11am to 12pm. Come 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."* St Teresa of Calcutta.

**Lenten Course** Our Lenten course, using the Sycamore programme, is on Tuesdays at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church please come along if you can and bring a friend. Email Liz: [dsrf.liz@gmail.com](mailto:dsrf.liz@gmail.com) for more information.

**Churches Together Lent Lunches** Started this week and will now be held at the Baptist Church in Hawkhurst **12pm to 1.30pm**. Please see poster for all dates and further details – the proceeds will be split equally between Seaview Charity and Dunks Educational Charity Hawkhurst.

**Coronavirus Advice** The Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued **UPDATED** guidelines about the Coronavirus in order to enable Catholic churches and organisations to find relevant information. At the time of writing, the risk to the public from coronavirus remains low in England and Wales. Because this is a rapidly changing situation, these guidelines may evolve as the situation changes. In the meantime, it is very important to read these guidelines and to check the latest guidance from Government. The CBCEW guidance focuses on the hygiene measures needed to disrupt the spread of coronavirus should we get a number of cases in England and Wales. The updated guidelines can be downloaded via this link: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/advice-for-parishes-regarding-coronavirus-V2ab.pdf](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/advice-for-parishes-regarding-coronavirus-V2ab.pdf)

**Easter Lilies** On the week of the 12/13th of March, there will be a form at the back of the church for people to buy a lily in memory of a loved one.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** The Bishops Conference of England & Wales, through the Santa Marta Group, seeks to create awareness of the trafficking situation and abuses that go on within the agricultural sectors around Kent. They need some volunteers from our parish to help achieve their aim. It is a fact that human trafficking exists in every country, unfortunately, the Kent area one of the many **'Hot Spots'** in the UK. The Santa Marta Group is appealing for volunteers to be trained in creating awareness of the problem of modern-day slavery in our parishes. The volunteers will be appointed to go to parishes to help promote the campaign against the abuses in the agricultural sector. Training will take place on two dates: **Saturday 28th March** at The Hermitage, More Park, West Malling, Kent, ME19 6HN from 10.00am to 2.30pm and **Saturday 4th April** at St Thomas of Canterbury Hall (**Entry in Canterbury Lane**) Canterbury Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HJ from 10.00am to 2.30pm. You are all invited to attend any of training sessions. Please, bring a packed Lunch. If you are interested to be a Volunteer in this project, please speak to your parish priest. Please see poster on the noticeboard.

## Parish Collections

### Last Weekend

Total: £487.80

Gift Aided: £377.70

Thank you for your support

## Announcements

### March 2nd Collections:

Today CAFOD

15/16th Lepra Appeal

### Confirmation 2020

If you have a child who wishes to be confirmed, please fill out a form and return it to the parish office. Thank you

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