

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

3rd January 2021

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Sunday: 9am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst & 10.30am Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Tuesday to Friday: NO MASSES

Holy Days of Obligation: NO MASSES

Anniversaries: Herbert Winn, Walter McGlone, John Barton, Alan Watts, and Rowland Bartlett, Joseph Hoare, Maureen Benton, Graham Cluley, Claudine van Graan, Vincent Martin, Antoni Kajzer, Lawrence Victor Gottelier, Johann Dassen, Fr Peter Nkomazana, John Patrick Donegan, John Lusted, and Trevor Martin

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Bernadette Strange, Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Cynthia Raza, and Eileen Collett.

Parish Collections

Collection totals will not be published while the parish is without a secretary

Announcements

Mass will be live streamed on Sundays at 10.30am

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December – For a life of prayer

The power of prayer will change reality and our hearts, and he prays that, through a life of prayer, we may nourish our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Father Vic wishes everyone a very Happy and Healthy New 2021 Year. 'Please care for one another. God bless you all'.

Masses are being said as follows:

- Sacred Heart Church Goudhurst on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sundays at 10.30am
- St Barnabas Hawkhurst on Sundays at 9am

Please Note* - There is no mass on New Year's Day.

We would like to remind you that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently suspended, so please do not feel pressured to attend Mass if you feel it would be unwise for you or your family. To enable us to comply with the regulations and guidance to protect against the Covid 19 virus, the number of people who can enter the church is limited.

People wishing to attend Mass should book in advance by emailing thechurchisopen@gmail.com. Please see website for full details about attending church.

Parish Diaries 2021: we have a supply of free parish diaries available - please take one if you wish

We will be **Live Streaming Mass at 5:30pm Saturdays and 10.30am every Sunday** during lockdowns with some recorded music played, but no hymns.

<https://www.kentchurches.com/churches/sacred-heart-church-goudhurst/>

How lovely we can share our Mass back in Church and through livestreaming!

Aylesford Priory

In these difficult times many of us may need spiritual uplifting in times of grieving, the attached video we hope will help. '[Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ](#)' by Elizabeth Partridge who runs a retreat at Aylesford Priory with Fr Francis Kemsley.

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD

We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

CAFOD World Gifts

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Interested in becoming a school governor?

St Gregory's Catholic School in Tunbridge Wells is looking for new governors. This is a highly rewarding and interesting voluntary role, working with the senior leadership of the school and other governors in shaping the school's future and improving outcomes and opportunities for the young people in our community. Want to find out more? Just drop an email to our Chair of Governors, David Lain at: davidlain@sgschool.org.uk

Weekly Giving via Standing Order

We would like to say a huge thank you to those who have set up a standing order for your weekly giving. This really helps the parish to have a reliable income each month to assist in forward planning, there is less cash handling within the parish, and increased security as less cash is taken to the bank. If you would like a standing order form, please contact the office. **When setting up your standing order, please don't be put off when the bank account says Archdiocese of Southwark.** The account number and sort code are correct for our parish and we will receive the funds. Thank you.

In your goodness Lord
Listen to the prayers of your people
As we rejoice in the coming of your Son
In flesh and blood like ours
Grant that when He comes in glory
We may receive the gift of eternal life
Amen