

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10th 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: John Rourke, Catherine Meade, Bridget Conlon, Doris Vinehill, Mrs Ewins, Joe Hover, Patrick St Pierre, Alice Keal, Fred Bertie Smith, Abigail Firth, James Naylor, Peter Ryan, and Susan Mary Murdoch.

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Collection totals will not be published while the parish is without a secretary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 see below for details.

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. 'It is a great shame we were unable to celebrate Epiphany together. It reminds us that it is always our duty to adore and worship God'

Masses will continue as before the current lockdown and 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**

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'](mailto: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!

Have you changed your address?

If any parishioner has moved and changed their address and phone number in the last year, please email the parish office goudhurst@caos.org.uk with your new contact details so we can keep in touch. We also need this information to claim Gift Aid. Thank you.

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.

On this day Lord God by a guided star
You received your only begotten Son
To all the peoples of the world
Lead us from the faith by which we know you now
To the vision of your glory
Face to face through him who reigns forever and ever
Amen