

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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First Sunday of Lent, Year B

21st February 2021

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Sunday: 10.30am Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Tuesday to Friday: NO MASSES

Holy Days of Obligation: NO MASSES

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

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Collection totals will not be published while the parish is without a secretary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 February – Violence against women

We pray for women and victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Masses

With the new lockdown and to protect the health of Fr Vic and parishioners there will no longer be Masses held in church until further notice. We will be **Live Streaming Mass at 5:30pm Saturdays** (subject to review) **and 10.30am every Sunday** during lockdowns, but unfortunately we will not be able to open the churches for private prayer.

Please participate in Mass by tuning into the livestreaming at home as mentioned on **Saturday at 5.30pm or Sunday at 10.30 am (Gregorian Chant from 10.20 am)**

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

10.20 Choral music before Mass

Attende Domine	Monks and Choir Downside
Purge Me, O Lord	Tallis Scholars
Ad Coeman Agni Providi	Monks and Choir Downside
If Ye Love Me	Tallis Scholars

10.30 Mass

Opening Hymn	Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us
Communion	Bless The Lord – Simply Taize
Retiring	Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

How lovely we can still share our Mass through livestreaming!

Fr Vic – Extra Mass

Every Friday morning at 10am Father Vic will be saying a Mass from his home for sick parishioners, their families and friends. This Mass is also dedicated to those who are mourning and grieving.

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.

Archbishop John Wilson is sponsoring a Lent retreat

It can be followed flexibly from home. The retreat is entitled 'Follow Me: Walking in the footsteps of Jesus through the season of Lent' and you can sign up on the following web page:

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>

As part of the retreat you will receive:

- A welcome email explaining the structure of the retreat and how to prepare;
- A weekly email starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on the Wednesday of Holy Week with a link to the video input and some prayer materials

During each week of Lent, Archbishop John will introduce the video, the Sunday Gospel will be read and then follows a brief talk exploring themes connected with the Gospel. The input can be viewed at any time to suit you. The talk will be accompanied by suggestions for prayer and reflection through the week. All the resources will also be available via the diocesan website.

The World of Prayer – Friday 5th March 2021

This day was formerly known as the Women's World day of Prayer; it has now changed to now include everyone.

This year the theme is called " **Build on a Strong Foundation**". The Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this year's service. Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world. The World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries.

For further information and resources see the World Day of Prayer website www.wwdp.org.uk. A link to an online service will shortly be announced on the website, and you can download the service and prayers from the website.

Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent.

SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

The consultation **ends on 26 February 2021**.

MARY'S MEALS - CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA: emergency appeal

The people of Tigray in Ethiopia urgently need our help. Due to brutal fighting in the region, frightened families have been forced to flee their homes and millions are living in fear of starvation. [Mary's Meals](#) has been working with a trusted partner in the region for many years and together we are reaching out to children and communities affected by this dire situation and helping wherever we can. Please help us to continue this life-saving work. Please donate if you can [Mary's Meals Donation](#)

Local Educational Trust Grants

There are a number of local educational Trusts that help people, particularly for young people, with small educational grants. They are to help people who are suffering hardship or illness with support in their educational costs. Please click on the following links for full details:-

[Marden Community Charitable Organisation](#)

[Kilindown Education Trust](#)

[Dunks Springett's Education Foundation \(Hawkhurst\)](#)

NEW PRICES FOR PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS – CATHOLIC TIMES

To our catholic universe and catholic times readers in the parish, at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 Months: £25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months: £99.00

DIGITAL COPY 12 Months: £55.00

OR

DIGITAL COPY/AND HARD COPY FOR : £115.00 (EASTER SPECIAL OFFER)

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.

CAFOD World Gifts

We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Appeal. 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. 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 coming year. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

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 to create a standing order please use the following details:

Account name:	Archdiocese of Southwark
Account number:	59004576
Sort code:	60-06-18

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.

God our Saviour
Through the grace of baptism
You made us children of light
Hear our prayer that we may always walk in that light
Work for truth as your witness before men
We make our prayer through our Lord
Amen