

GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH

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4th January 2015 The Epiphany of Our Lord (Year B)

MASS: Saturday 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Sunday 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst
10.30am Goudhurst

Monday to Thursday 9.30am Goudhurst
Friday 10.00am Goudhurst

Baptisms and Confessions: By arrangement.

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass 9.30am and 8.00pm at Goudhurst, 11.00am at Hawkhurst.

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist: Every Friday afternoon 3.00 to 4.00pm & the First Friday of the month at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time:

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

Please pray for the sick in the parish:

Daisy Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Marjorie & John Dumbleton, Shirley Brady, Joanna Convery, Hilary McCluskey, Jessie Butterworth, Malcolm Cramp and Lawrence Ambolt.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean D'Arcy who died recently. May she always live in God's light. Please remember her daughter Bernadette Strange and all her family in your prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia, who died peacefully on New Year's Eve. May she always live in God's light. Please remember her sister Maria West and her family in your prayers.

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Parish Collections: 27/28 December £370.42 of this £ 212.90 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Thank you for all your gifts and cards I have been overwhelmed by your kindness. I would also like thank all those who worked so hard to decorate and prepare the churches for Christmas. *Father Vic*

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND- CRIB OFFERINGS 2014

Archbishop Peter has asked us to support this charity with our Crib Offerings. The primary purpose of the Friends of the Holy Land is to support Christians in the Holy Land, and to enable them to maintain a minimum level of quality of life such that the pressures to abandon their homeland are reduced. The Friends provide resources for small projects that make a big difference to Christians in the community. Funds contribute to the sustain-ability of Christians, especially the most vulnerable. Our Crib Offerings this year will go to this charity. The website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk, gives details of the various projects they support to help the struggling Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Heart of Kenya (orphans) Machakos, Kenya

Thank you for all your support for the children and families in Mututini Parish, during 2014 we have sent donations totalling £4200; this generous amount has been boosted by donations from another local Charity called the Catriona Hargreaves Trust. One of major areas of support needed is for the Mutituni orphans and vulnerable children programme, which caters for the increasing number of orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV / AIDS in Mutituni Parish. Many of them are primary school children who benefit through nutritional support, education, and medication. Apart from helping to support education for the children, one of the most important things the money we send to Father Thomas is used for is to feed over a 100 children every day, for many it is their only meal of the day. The money is also used to feed vulnerable adults who are taking HIV anti-viral medication which is very strong and must be taken with food for it to be most effective. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2015 Please will all those families with children, or young adults who wish to be confirmed please come & talk to me. The age is not the most important thing: it is a sacrament that commits the Christian to following the Lord faithfully in a challenging world. *Father Vic.*

DIARIES: The 2015 Parish Diaries are available in each church please take one.