

GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH
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18th January 2015 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (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:

France Dorothy Billson, Mary Degutis, Phil Heart, Canon Joe Callinan, Kit Wilkinson, Eric Tanzer, Vivienne Peach, Kate Warr. Christopher Graves, and Ted Myles.

Please pray for the sick in the parish:

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

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Parish Collections: 10/11 January £385.31 of this amount 252.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Second Collection White Flower Appeal on 24/25 January for The Society of the Unborn Child-SPUC

In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends & upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect the unborn child, and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers support for teachers, parents and medical professionals.

First Communion Classes commence on Saturday 17th January @ 4.45pm in the Presbytery

Please remember in your prayers the 10 children who will be making their first Communion this year. The children will join the congregation for mass at the offertory and we will be reserving the front 2 rows of pews in the church for the parents and children, so that the children can watch Fr Vic and follow the mass closely.

Christian Unity Octave 18th to 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year is: 'The Well is Deep' and challenges us to acknowledge that diversity is part of God's design, to approach one another in trust and to see the face of God in the face of all men and women.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

A Clergy Support Fund Campaign has been planned to help our diocese meet the needs of its sick & retired priests; there will be an estimated 93 priests in retirement in the next 4 years. The Campaign team need lay volunteers from across the Diocese to help with this fundraising. A Kent Area Leader has been appointed: Mr Tom Mullally (Sevenoaks parish); our Deanery Leaders are Adrian and Sally Atmore in (West Malling parish).

Each parish now needs to recruit at least three or four people to help run the campaign in their parish.

The specification is as follows: "sympathetic to the needs of sick and retired priests and willing to give a limited amount of time over a few months to organise and present the campaign to the parish". The work involves, practical organisation, communication, presentations to small groups of fellow parishioners, being comfortable with IT. Team members do not need experience of fund raising, as they will be briefed, & given the necessary materials & support throughout their involvement by their local Lay leaders & the Campaign Office Team.'

I would be grateful for volunteers to assist our parish in this way; obviously the more the better, as this enables the allocation of tasks according to particular skills and the general sharing of the load.

Please talk to me and let me know if you can offer your services. For more general information about the Campaign there is a Website: www.southwarkclergysupportfundcampaign.org . Thank you, Father Vic.

Vocations Weekend for Older Men - 23 to 25 January 2015 The diocesan Vocations Centre in Whitstable is hosting a weekend for men over forty to give them the chance to learn more about a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. It takes place from the evening of Friday 23rd & ends on Sunday 25th January. To book a place or for more information please contact the Vocations Director on info@southwarkvocations.com.

Lent Services, Talks and Lunches in Goudhurst (more details to follow)

Ash Wednesday 18th February Mass and Blessing of the Ashes

9.30am mass at the Sacred Heart Church Goudhurst & 11.00am mass at St Barnabas Church, Hawkhurst.

8.00pm Ecumenical service at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst, with St Mary's Church.

Lent Lunch & talk in St Mary's Church every Saturday from 21 February to 27 March at 12.30pm

Lent talks every Wednesday evening at The Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm starting 25 February

Lent talks every Friday at 1.30pm in the Children's Chapel at St Mary's Church starting 27 February