

GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH
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25th January 2015 The Third 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:

Maire Brongor, Maire Dee, Frederick Rushmore, Barry Mort.

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: 17/18 January £369.34 of this amount £273.00 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. They work to protect the unborn child, & defend the disabled, & vulnerable from euthanasia & assisted suicide. SPUC also have trained speakers & offer support for teachers, parents and doctors.

Sunday 1st February is Education Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service the CES supports 2000 Catholic schools & colleges, & helps to provide school transport in rural areas

First Communion Classes Saturday evenings @ 4.45pm in the Presbytery

The children will join the congregation for mass at the offertory and we will reserve 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.

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.

Lent Services, Lent Groups and Lunches in Goudhurst

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

Please sign up for the Lent Groups, there is a list at the back of each church

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

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

Stations of the Cross at the Sacred Heart Church will be at 9.30am on Friday and at 5.00pm on Saturday for half an hour before each mass, starting on Friday 20th February.

The Catholic Education Centre is organising an evening on Reconciliation for the Maidstone Deanery

at St Peter's Bearsted on Tuesday 3rd March from 7.30. to 9. p.m.. Catechists and leaders of Children's Liturgy Groups are invited to bring the programmes they use (inc. First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism etc.) The session will feature a discussion on the theme of reconciliation & a time of prayer. All parishes welcome.