

GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH

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22nd February 2015 The First Sunday in Lent (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:

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:

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

Parish Collections: 14/15 February £323.04, of this amount £227.70 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

The second collection for the Poor Parishes Fund £108.22 thank you.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 27th February

This Lent every donation will be matched by the government up to £5 million. Please help CAFOD to make the most of this amazing opportunity. Please take an envelope this weekend and bring it back next week, when there will be a second collection at all masses on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March. Every Gift Aid envelope used means that CAFOD will receive an extra 25p for every £1 donated. Thank you.

There is still time to sign up for the Lent Groups, there are lists in each church

The York Course is an ecumenical course in five sessions.

1. Gratitude (Ephesians 1.3-14); 2. Image of God (Colossians 1.15-20); 3. Humility (Philippians 2.5-11); 4. New birth (1 Peter 1.3-12); 5. Word made flesh (John 1.1-14)

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

Lent Group every Friday at 1.30pm, Children's Chapel at St Mary's Church from 27 February.

Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart Church 9.30am on Friday and at 5.00pm on Saturday before mass.

Saturday Lent Lunch in St Mary's Church, Goudhurst from 21 February to 27 March at 12.30pm

Friday Lent Lunch organised by Hawkhurst Churches Together at All Saints Lodge, Rye Rd, Hawkhurst from 12.00 to 1.30pm; from Friday 27th February to Good Friday 3rd April. Donations to Christian Aid.

What is donate8? This is a new initiative to engage parishioners to become involved in the parish community. Parishioners are asked to volunteer 8 hours of their time each year, using their skills & talents for the benefit of the parish. When & how **donate8** takes place is negotiable between the volunteer & the parish. Please take a leaflet.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the Donate 8 scheme, we are very pleased with the response so far. We will contact you all individually in the next few days with our plans for the scheme. There is still time to help if you have not yet volunteered. Please see the Donate8 boards. Barbara Plumb

Wednesday Day Centre Lunches- Cooks needed urgently: Hawkhurst Churches Together runs a social care charity- Akeomai - it runs a weekly Day Centre for elderly people; with 18 to regular attendees. They arrive at 9.30am & go home at 3.00pm. A freshly cooked simple lunch is provided & it is cooked by volunteers. **They urgently need more Cooks.** You can work on your own or with a friend, in a well equipped kitchen with all facilities. Please ring Rev Bob Kirby if you can help 01580-753382, even one day a month would be a great help, you would need to start at 9.30am and finish by 1.30 to 2.00pm.

Friday 6th March Women's World Day of Prayer St Barnabas church, High St, Hawkhurst at 11.30am

This year we are hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer service. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Bahamas. with the theme of "Jesus said, do you know what I have done to you?"

The short service will be followed by refreshments. All Welcome.

Sunday 8th March Holy Communion Service at 10.45am at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst

As part of Goudhurst Churches Together we are joining with St Mary's Church to share the 10.45am Holy Communion Service, there will be separate Eucharistic celebrations. The address will be given by Bishop Stephen Platten. The Children's Liturgy Group is welcome to join with the children's group at St Mary's. This service will replace the usual Sunday 10.30am mass that day. *Father Vic.*