

GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH

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12th April 2015 – Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B)

MASS: Saturday 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Sunday 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst

Monday to Thursday 9.30am Goudhurst

10.30am Goudhurst

Friday

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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

Mary Rourke, Rose Margaret Poile, Donald Gagnor, Joan Forrest, Eleanor Ruth Cordeiro, Lois Hosking and Timothy Furlonge. May they all rest in peace.

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, Shirley Dore and Cynthia Raza.

Easter Collections: 4/5 April.

Father Vic would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and cards. Special thanks to all those who helped to arrange the flowers and prepare the churches for the Easter.

Second collection next weekend 18/19 April for St George's Cathedral, Southwark

the mother church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April: Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustian Kowalski. In 2000 it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II.

Roman Catholics are required to attend worship, go to confession, and take Holy Communion. Divine Mercy Sunday occurs the Sunday after Easter.

Saturday 18 April work party needed at All Saints Church 9.30am to 12.00 midday

At least 6 to 8 strong fit people needed to help clear and tidy the church, some heavy lifting. Please ring Chris Roome 01580-891686 if you can help. Please note there is no WC or water at All Saints.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2015 Urgent Message for candidates

We have now received forms from seven Confirmation candidates. If there are still families with children or young adults who wish to be confirmed please talk to Fr Vic and collect an application form from him as soon as possible. Classes will start on Thursday 23rd April, from 7.00 to 8.00pm. The Bishop will be coming to confirm candidates on 14th October. Confirmation Classes will be led by Fr Vic and Jill Robertson. *Father Vic.*

Mass in Celebration of Marriage, St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday, 20th June

If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th+ wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend this special Mass, please give your name to Father Vic by **April, 30th** so that you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Booking essential

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

A Clergy Support Fund Campaign is being planned to help our diocese meet the needs of its sick & retired priests; there will be 93 priests in retirement in the next 4 years. The Campaign team need lay volunteers from across the Diocese to help with 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 two or three 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 helps to allocate tasks according to particular skills and general sharing of the load. Please 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.