

**GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH**

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**29th November- The First Sunday in Advent- Year C**

**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**

Alice Burgess, Herbert Fitzgerald, Leonard Law, Father Pradeep Joshi SJ; Betty Widdowson, and Marie Van Graan. May they all rest in peace in God's light.

**Please pray for the sick in the parish:** Daisy and Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Marjorie & John Dumbleton, Shirley Brady, Hilary McCluskey, Shirley Dore, Cynthia Raza, Philip Sheridan.

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**Parish Collections: 21/22 November** £460.08 of this amount £292.50 was Gift Aided. Thank you

**Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Services** £169.52. Thank you.

**Parish Autumn Fair on Saturday 21st November:** Many thanks to all those who helped with and supported the Fair. Special thanks to all the wonderful cake bakers. Additional donations mean the total is now the magnificent sum of £1619.74. See the notice board for totals of each stall. Thank you *.Father Vic.*

**Second collection for Christmas Flowers next weekend 5/6 December**

A second collection for flowers to decorate the two churches. Also if you have any garden greenery or berries please ring for: **Goudhurst:** Sue Nichol 01580-212275; and **Hawkhurst** Jean Shill 01580-753841.

**Maidstone and Hastings Day Centres for homeless people.**

We need warm, clean clothes for the men and women who use the centre; Fleece, anoraks, sleeping bags, jogging pants, jumpers, hats, gloves and socks. No suits or cotton shirts. Please bring them to the presbytery by no later than Sunday 16th December.

**Parents who wish their children to make their First Holy Communion in 2016** Instruction classes will start on 22nd January for children who have been baptised, and are in Year 3 or above. Father Vic needs to speak to the parents of all First Communion Candidates prior to their enrolment. When you have spoken to Fr Vic, please telephone Annie Vagg: on 01622- 831216 who will send out an enrolment form, or email her at [davidvagg123@btinternet.com](mailto:davidvagg123@btinternet.com) . **Please let Fr Vic and Annie know by December, as we need to order the course books for the children.** *Fr Vic*

**Advent and Carol Services in Goudhurst and Hawkhurst organised by Churches Together**

- **Sunday 29th November** Advent Service at 6.30pm in St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst.
- **Sunday 6th December** Advent Service at 6.30pm in Christ Church, Kilndown.
- **Thursday 10th December** at 7.30pm, Music & Mystery in Advent .Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst .
- **Sunday 20th December** Village Carol Service St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy starts on 8th December 2015 until 20th November 2016** The Jubilee Year of Mercy is an opportunity for people to explore what mercy means, to experience mercy & to show it to others. St Thomas Aquinas wrote that it is "easier for God to hold back his anger than his mercy". There will be evening masses at **St Francis Church, Maidstone at 7.30pm** and also at **St Andrew's Church, Tenterden at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th December.**

**The Stewardship Team & The Diocesan Spirituality Commission-Reflections for the Season of Advent.**

Preparing for God's Coming – 5 minute daily thoughts for Advent. Our Diocese has developed a series of daily reflections featuring the Scripture of the day, thought & prayer drawn from the spirituality of Stewardship. If you wish to receive these daily emails for Advent in this way please subscribe via <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P> .

**Christmas Services 2015**

**Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December Midnight Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN17 1DN.** The service starts at 10.30pm with carols & readings, the Mass will begin at 11.00pm.

**Christmas Day Friday 25th December**

**8.30 am mass - St Barnabas Church, High Street, Hawkhurst TN18 4AH.**

**10.30 am mass - Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN17 1DN**