

**GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH**

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**6th December- The Second 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, Marie Van Graan, Ada Tate, Anthony Berkeley, Reggie Gordon, Jack Brady and Margaret Murphy. 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, Anne Hall.

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**Parish Collections: 28/29 November** £374.48 of this amount £267.80 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

**Second collection for Christmas Flowers this 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 centres; Fleeces, 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 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 on Tuesday 8th December,** and at **St Andrew's Church, Tenterden at 8.00pm 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 24th December Midnight Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Rd, Goudhurst.**

The service starts at 10.30pm with carols & readings, Mass will begin at 11.00pm. Please arrive in good time.

**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**

**Painting and Decoration of the Sacred Heart Church Goudhurst 14 to 19 December**

**PLEASE NOTE** that the weekday masses during this week, at 9.30am Monday to Thursday and at 10.00am on Friday will be in the Presbytery while the church is being decorated.