

GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH

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27th December- The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph- 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 Wednesday morning 8.30 to 9.30am and on Friday morning 9.00am to 10.00am at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time

May Roberts, Edward Martin, Michael McRory, Desmond Cluley, Arthur Nutt, Mike Taylor, Norah Hudson, Betty Bennett, Martin Jackson, Maxine Hayes, Maria Roberts, Jean Arcy, Herbert Winn, Walter McGlone, John Barton, Alan Watts, Rowland Bartlett, Joseph Hoare, Maureen Benton, Graham Cluley, Claudine van Graan, Vincent Martin, Antoni Kajzer, Lawrence Victor Gottelier, Johann Dassen, John Patrick Donegan and John Lusted. 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, Ted McGuire

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Parish Collections:19/20 December £460.34 of this amount £321.77 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

CRIB OFFERINGS This year, Archbishop Peter encourages us to support **Friends of the Holy Land** with our Crib Offerings. The primary purpose of this charity is to support the poorest Christian families in the Holy Land, to enable them to maintain a minimum level of quality of life. www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Masses on Saturday 26th December & Sunday 27th December at all the usual times

Please note: there are no weekday masses from **Monday 28th to Thursday 31st December**

New Years Day Friday 1st January The Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mass:10.00am Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN17 1DN.

YEAR OF MERCY BOOKLETS please collect one of the copies of the special pilgrimage guides to the Year of Mercy established by Pope Francis, is from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016

A Christmas Carol. by G. K. Chesterton

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all alright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.