

GOUDHURST, HAWKHURST, HORSMONDEN PARISH

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3rd January- The Epiphany of The Lord- 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

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: 26/27 January £267.37 of this amount £102.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Second Collection next weekend Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 January WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools. Please give generously to this worthy cause

CRIB OFFERINGS 2015-2016

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

Friends of the Holy Land helps the poorest Christians in the Holy Land, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. They are supporting Christian families and communities in the Holy Land, to encourage them to stay and to sustain a Christian presence there. This year life in the Holy Land is more difficult and uncertain than ever, and the Bethlehem office is getting a new application for help every day from a desperate family. These either come direct or through parish priests. With so many urgent needs to meet they need your help; please give as much as you can, to help our brothers and sisters through these difficult times, and to ensure a Christian presence in the Holy Land in the years to come.

Pope Francis' Mission Intention for January is: 'That through dialogue, fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions'

Parish council meeting Tuesday 12 January at 8.00pm in the presbytery at Goudhurst

There is an Alpha Course starting in Goudhurst Village Hall on 12th January if anyone is interested in finding out more or in going along please call Ali Williams on 07944 776008 or gk.alpha@yahoo.com

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**

Message from Father Vic

My grateful thanks to everyone in the parish who helped to prepare and decorate the churches for Christmas. Thank you also for all your generous gifts and personal kindness to me. With best wishes for a peaceful and Happy New Year. *Father Vic*