

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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3rd April Second Sunday of Easter - 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 9.30am at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst.

Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time

Thomas Brongor, Ivy King, Bill Turner, Barbara Johnson, Kathleen Mary Steddy, P.J Smyth, Tom Sibree, 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 & Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Marjorie & John Dumbleton, Shirley Brady, Hilary McCluskey, Shirley Dore, Cynthia Raza, Philip Sheridan, David Hall.

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Thank You Father Vic would like to thank everyone for all their cards and gifts and the generous Easter collection; & our grateful thanks to all those who prepared & decorated the churches for Easter.

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places raised £132.96, thank you. This money is used to maintain churches and shrines, and it also helps by the relief of poverty and suffering; the schools, orphanages and medical centres in the Holy Land & neighbouring countries.

Hawkhurst Lent Lunches raised £600.50 for Christian Aid, grateful thanks to everyone.

Saturday 9th April, 9.30am - 1.00. A Morning of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

For all parishes in the Maidstone Deanery to be held at St. Andrew's Church Tenterden - refreshments in the parish hall at 9am; then 9.30 – 11.00am. Talk and discussion in the church; 11.00am Break; 11.15am to 12.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; and the morning closes with Mass at 1.00pm.

Local volunteering opportunity: working with young men separated from their families and seeking asylum in the UK. We are looking for volunteers aged 25 or over to teach them English in 2 hour sessions which take place locally, from Mondays to Thursdays. Other opportunities include allotment gardening and providing cakes. This is a really rewarding voluntary activity as part of a team of enthusiastic and committed volunteers – we need even more people to join us! For more details, please contact Margaret Curran on kentcurrans@yahoo.co.uk .

APF RED BOXES attention all red box holders The "Mission Today Spring 2016" magazine has arrived and Chris Thakerar our Parish Promoter would like you to bring in your boxes so she can empty them. Last year our parish only donated about £100.00 from Red Box Collections and direct donations. Thank you - and special thanks to Chris for the hard work in emptying the boxes! This revenue goes directly to support our crucial missionary work throughout the world and particularly to Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church. Please remember to put your name and address on the box before you hand it in, so Chris can let you know the total. We would like more box holders in the parish please ask for a Red Box. Thank you Fr Vic.

Heart of Kenya (orphans) Fundraising Teresa Dobing is running the Paddock Wood Half Marathon on Sunday 3rd April & fundraising for the Heart of Kenya. Donations can be made on line via <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/teresadobing> My charity is listed as Catriona Hargreaves Charitable Trust, which I am a trustee of, who regularly donate to Heart of Kenya. All monies I raise from this race will go to Heart of Kenya. I will collect other donations on Sunday 17th April after the 10.30am mass.

Pope Francis Year of Mercy Prayer

Dear Lord, Help me to be a companion in the Spirit to those with whom I share my life.

Let me not be too diffident in speaking of all the good gifts you give to me.

Help me to remember always in my prayers those who are suffering and those who have died.

Let me hold them before you, who alone are the source of all mercy and consolation.

Lord, teach me to be as gracious to others as you are to me.

Use me as you will.