

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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10th April Third 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

Mary Rourke, Rose Margaret Poile, Donald Gagnor, Joan Forrest, Eleanor Ruth Cordeiro, Lois Hosking, Timothy Furlonge, Connie de Wilton, Eileen McGuire, Joanna Smith, Frank Samuels, Anne Buckley, Thomas Hosking, John Hosking and Francis Meynell. 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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Parish Collections: £420.24 of this £235.25 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Second collection next weekend for Ecclesiastical Education, this helps with the costs for training students for the permanent diaconate & the priesthood. It also supports ongoing formation of the clergy.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

Following on from the information regarding sick and retired priests in the sheet attached to the newsletter just prior to Easter (additional copies are available at the back of the church), there will be a presentation over the next two weeks about the Clergy Support Fund. At the end of each mass there will be a short presentation and the opportunity to ask questions about the work of the fund and how to support it.

Presentation dates:

Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst 16 and 17 April.
St Barnabas Church, Hawkhurst 24 April.

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 & Chris Thakerar our Parish Promoter would like you to bring in your boxes so she can empty them. Last year our parish only donated £100.00 from Red Box Collections & 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 & address on the box before you hand it in. 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 ran in the Paddock Wood Half Marathon on Sunday 3rd April, you can donate on line via: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/teresadobing> her charity is listed as Catriona Hargreaves Charitable Trust, of which she is a trustee and they regularly donate to Heart of Kenya. All monies she raises from this race will go to Heart of Kenya. She will collect other donations on Sunday 17th April after 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.