

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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17th April Fourth 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

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, and Philip Sheridan..

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Parish Collections: £339.95 of this £233.55 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Second collection this weekend is 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.

COMBONI Missionaries Mission Appeal 23 & 24 April The Comboni Missionaries are a specifically missionary order of priest and lay brothers; they work all over the world helping the poor, building and running schools and hospitals. One of the priests will be coming to talk to our parish.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign 16 & 17 April & 1st May A Short Presentation after mass

Following the recent information regarding sick and retired priests given out just prior to Easter, there will be a short presentation after each mass about the Clergy Support Fund this weekend & again on the 1st May at Hawkhurst. There will a chance to ask questions about the work of the fund & how to support it.

Presentation: Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst 16 & 17 April; St Barnabas Church, Hawkhurst 1st^t May.

THANK YOU - Local volunteering opportunity: Many thanks to all the people who responded to Margaret Curran about teaching English to/and working with young men separated from their families and seeking asylum in the UK. For all details contact Margaret Curran on kentcurrans@yahoo.co.uk

APF MISSION RED BOXES Chris Thakerar our Parish Promoter would like you to bring in your boxes so she can empty them. Please put your name & address on the box before you hand it in. Thank you.

Heart of Kenya (orphans) Fundraising: Damian Deeney is running in the London Marathon on 24th April to raise money for our Heart of Kenya appeal. If you would like to make a donation he will be outside church after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses on Sunday 1st May. Alternatively you can email damodeeney@gmail.com or ring 01580-212249 if you would like to make a donation. For more information about the Heart of Kenya (Orphans) please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church, our parish has been providing support for some years.

The Pope's Global Prayer Network Over many years, the Popes have identified particular concerns, and challenges facing the world and the Church's mission, for which they invite our prayers. These monthly Intentions are entrusted to the People of God via the Pope's Global Prayer Network. Since 2015 the UK National Director is Fr. David Stewart SJ. He is sometimes available to come to parishes to present on the Network, also to discuss other ways of involving parishes, such as Days and Weeks of Guided Ignatian Prayer. Not a movement in any sense, but it is responsible also for promoting the new Pope Video online channel and the Click-to-Pray website and App, encouraging people to join in this spiritual pathway, a Way of the Heart. See www.jesuit.org.uk/prayingwithpope

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.