

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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1st May Sixth 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

Trudy Bradford, Mary Mooney, Ralph Ryan, Violet Ames, Thomas Robertson, Rose Myles, Nina Pearce, Leslie Strange, Margaret Strange and Amanda Tiernan. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Daisy and Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Marjorie and John Dumbleton, Shirley Brady, Shirley Dore, Cynthia Raza and Philip Sheridan..

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Parish Collections: 23/24 April £274.35 of this £191.70 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Second collection for the Comboni Mission Fathers £453.76 thank you.

Special Collection 30 April & 1 May to promote humanitarian support for the needy of Ukraine

On the 3rd April, during his *Regina Caeli* address, Pope Francis asked that the Catholic Church in Europe takes up a special collection for those who are suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine. He said: "*I invite the faithful to join in this initiative with a generous contribution. This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church.*" Archbishop Peter asks that all Parishes take a second collection at Masses on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

PLEASE NOTE Temporary Change of venue for weekday masses.

Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th May the mass at the Sacred Heart, Goudhurst will be at **9.30am** each day in the Presbytery. Hurstway builders will be rebuilding & installing the Marble Altar from All Saints Church.

On Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1st May mass will be in the church at 5.30pm & 10.30am as usual.

Please note No mass on Monday 2nd May. Everything will be back to normal for 7 and 8 May.

The sale of All Saints Church was completed at the end of March, the proceeds of the sale are held by the Southwark Diocese for the benefit of our parish as and when we need support. *Father Vic.*

Clergy Support Fund Campaign 1st May A Short Presentation after the 8.30am mass

There will be a short presentation mass at St Barnabas church, about the Southwark Diocesan Clergy Support Fund. There will be time to ask questions about the work of the fund and how to support it.

Churches Together in Goudhurst Thursday 5th May Ascension Day Service

at St Mary's Church Goudhurst at 6.30am on the top of the tower, all welcome.

Pope Francis has appointed Father Paul Mason as the new Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark.

Fr Mason, a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, has been the Episcopal Vicar for Kent since the retirement of Bishop John Hine. His Episcopal Ordination will take place in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on 31st May, 2016 at midday, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He will join Bishops Patrick Lynch and Paul Hendricks as Auxiliary Bishops of the Diocese of Southwark.

Heart of Kenya (orphans) Fundraising: Damian Deeney completed the London Marathon on 24th April in aid of Heart of Kenya orphans. 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. Or email damodeeney@gmail.com or ring 01580-212249 if you would like to make a donation. There is information about the Heart of Kenya on a leaflet from the back of the church; our parish has been providing support for some years.

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.