

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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8th May Ascension Day - Year C

MASS: Saturday 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

**Sunday 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Monday to Friday 9.30am Goudhurst
10.30am 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, Amanda Tiernan, Hugh Shoulin, Marie Osbourne, Anne Woodger, John Day, Major Joseph Thorpe, Molly McGuinness, John Smith and Peggy Furlonge 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: 30 April and 1 May £465.95 of this £313.45 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Holy Father's special collection for Ukraine £280.34 thank you.

Second collection for World Communications Day this weekend on 7 & 8 May

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales. It is the focus for media enquiries on National matters & seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teachings including the training of spokespersons

Heart of Kenya (orphans) Fundraising many thanks to all those who sponsored Damian Deeney in the London Marathon, with your help he raised. £325.00 for Heart of Kenya.

Pentecost Service 15 May at 6.30pm at St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst

this service is organised by Hawkhurst Churches Together, everyone is welcome.

Christian Aid week 15 to 21 May we will be distributing Christian Aid envelopes in each church.

Sunday 22nd May First Communion Mass at 10.30am, Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

The First Communion mass will be at 10.30am. the front five rows of seats will be reserved for the 4 children and their families, and god parents. We would be grateful if parishioners, whose families are not involved, could attend one of the other weekend masses; either on Saturday at 5.30pm or the 8.30am mass at St Barnabas Hawkhurst. (No Children's Liturgy on 22 May).Fr Vic.

PACT – Prison Advice & Care Trust - Can you help prisoners and their families?

You are invited to come and see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) works in several prisons across London and relies heavily on volunteers to help those in need.

Saturday 11th June, Drop in any time - 9.30am – 1.00pm St George's Cathedral, Amigo Hall.

For more information contact Tom: Thomas.Brinkle@prisonadvice.org.uk or call 0203 031 6869

The Pope's Mission Intention for May:

That Seminarians and men and women entering the religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

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.

Thank You we are hugely grateful to Chris Ditton and all his staff from Hurstway Builders who have carried out the installation of the marble altar in such an efficient and exemplary manner. We will be writing to them to express our heartfelt gratitude. *Father Vic.*