

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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3rd July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- 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

Jane Nutt, Mark Barron, Bryan James Samuels, Mary Riordan and Paul Dyer.

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: 25/26 June £266.96 of this £170.10 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Sea Sunday 9/10 July The Apostleship of the Sea.

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information on the work of Apostleship of the Sea please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Apostleship of the Sea - Prayer of the Month

O Eternal Lord God, Creator of earth and sky and sea, Be pleased to receive into your protection
All who go down to the sea in ships, And occupy their business in great waters
Preserve them in body and soul; Prosper their labours with good success;
in all times of danger be their defence and bring them to the haven where they would be;
through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION – for all Eucharistic ministers and readers on 17th September

at St Peter's Church, Bearsted. Led by Canon Luke from St Francis, Maidstone. It is a requirement of your ministry that you should attend such a programme at least once a year. Save the date.

The Parish Council an Urgent Appeal for new Parish council members

The Parish Council currently consists of a group of 7 parishioners who meet 6 times a year for a couple of hours at the Presbytery to support Fr Vic in managing the business of the parish; until recently we used to have 10 members including Fr Vic.

Most of us have served on the council for many years (4 members are now in their 70's) and - at our most recent meeting - we discussed the urgent need to think about succession planning, and the recruitment of new members in order to refresh our thinking, and to better represent the Parish and its many new younger members. We need regular support with building maintenance - and a member willing to take on the brief of leading on Social Events. We could do with some fresh ideas as well as fresh faces! So, if you could help us in any of these areas we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Chris Roome – 01580-891686 – chrisqk.roome@btinternet.com – for a preliminary chat if you are interested. **Please respond:** so far we have only received one reply, and we need your help.

Pope Francis Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord, may your message of mercy and forgiveness reach everyone during this Jubilee Year.

May no one be indifferent to your invitation.

For our sake you have poured out your innermost life, a life of love and truth and mercy, in the death of Jesus and in the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Your glory fills our world. How much more it would shine if our lives reflected it more clearly!

Forgive our sins. Forgive the failings of us, your Church, by which we obscure your infinite goodness.

Cleanse us so that we do not dishonour your name but rather show forth only your love and mercy.