

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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10th July Sea Sunday the Fifteenth 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

Jack Sackett, Cicely Day, Louise Damant, Petra Furlonge and Richard Scrowston.

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: 2/3 July £336.10 of this £191.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Sea Sunday 10th July The Apostleship of the Sea.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. The second collection this weekend is for the Apostleship of the Sea, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. For more information on the work of Apostleship of the Sea please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk thank you.

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.**

Peter's Pence Second Collection at all masses on 16 & 17 July

This collection is used by the Holy Father for humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, supporting victims of war or natural disasters and for assistance to refugees and immigrants.

Proposed Readers Rota for The Sacred Heart, Goudhurst We have been using a reader's rota at Hawkhurst for the last 3 years; there are about 10 people on the list which gives plenty of flexibility for people to swap with someone else if they will be away. The list is planned for 3 months at a time. We would like to establish a similar system for the 10.30am mass at Goudhurst. The rota would also give people time to prepare themselves, rather than being asked to read at the last minute. It would be a great help if you could let Fr Vic know if you would be willing to put your name forward. The parish council member who will prepare the rota will need your email and phone number; these will not be published and only given to the group on the rota. *Thank You Fr Vic.*

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.

News about the wooden altar from the Sacred Heart Church. Since we transferred the marble altar from All Saints Church, Horsmonden, our wooden altar has recently found a new home in a Catholic Primary school in NW London where the school and chapel were badly damaged by fire last autumn.

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.