

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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4th September The Twenty Third 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

John James Conlon, Margaret Samuels, Patrick Sheridan and Jan Kohout. 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: 27/28 August £331.77 of this £218.64 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Parish Bake Off - Grateful thanks to all those who supported the cake stall by making cakes, giving donations and buying cakes on the day. We raised £351.00 for the parish. Thank You.

Education Sunday 11h September - Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service (CES)

The CES supports Catholic Education & works closely with the Government to maintain high academic standards and increased parental choice. Catholic Schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are 2000 Catholic schools, Academies & Colleges educating over 800,000 pupils. The CES Also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Sunday 4th September Coffee and cakes in the Presbytery after the 10.30am mass to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Father Vic coming to our parish on 30th August 1986, all welcome.

Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September Discover Kent's churches by bicycle or on foot and raise money for our church at the same time. **Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 10th September 2016 from 10.00am to 6.00pm.** Money raised is divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the church or chapel of your choice. A list of churches participating can be seen on the notice board, there are also sponsorship forms available.

MARY'S MEALS Is a Charity whose simple mission is to give daily meals to hungry children in their place of education & encourage them to go to school. It is named after Our Lady, the Mother of Mercy. Today more than one million children eat Mary's Meals each day. In Haiti, Liberia, Zambia, South Sudan, Kenya, India, Ecuador, Uganda, Burma & refugee settlements of Lebanon, children's lives are being changed by our little acts of love. Please take a leaflet from the back of church.

www.marysmeals.org.uk , and to Fundraise for Mary's Meals ukfundraising@marysmeals.org

The Diocese Education Commission requires a full-time Buildings Officer for January 2017

(an earlier/later start can be negotiated) the work entails responsibility for 173 school buildings across the Southwark Diocese. Salary £28,000 to £35,000. For an informal discussion contact: Mike Baldwin, Principal Buildings officer. 01689-883332. For more information & an application pack contact: Donna Gray, Education Commission, St Edwards House, St Paul's Wood Hill, Orpington BR5 2SR. Email: donna.gray@educationcommission.org.uk 01689-883341. Closing Date 12 September.

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.

Children's Liturgy starts again at 10.30am on Sunday 11 September at the Sacred Heart Church