

**GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH**

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**20th November- Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King – 34th week- 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 Tuesday 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** Joan Temple-Gottelier, Father Mendham, Severin de Chaumont and Otto Adamec. 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:** 12 & 13 November £384.40 of this £261.41 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

**12/13 Nov.** Collection for the Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration £96.54. Thank you.

**Parish Autumn Fair** £1548.40. Huge thanks to all who helped & contributed to this great success.

**19 & 20 November a Second Collection for Catholic Youth Services in Southwark Diocese.**

This collection supports all the Youth Work in the Southwark Diocese and beyond.

**Sunday 27th November Advent Carol Service at St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst**

Hawkhurst Churches Together ecumenical service at 6.30pm.

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy ends this Sunday 20 November**

Pope Francis recently said "The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality." If we look closely, we can see how the whole history of salvation until today and into the future, has been an "economy of mercy." "If we stop to consider the love of Jesus toward sinners, the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and especially if we contemplate the passion and death on the cross, we will not find any other explanation than the manifestation of his mercy towards us." "Fixing our prayerful gaze on Jesus Crucified it will be easier to follow and imitate him in our human affairs, even painful ones".

During his address for the Angelus on the same day, Pope Francis said that we must "stand firm in the Lord" and work "to build a better world;" that despite difficulties and sad events, what really matters is how Christians are called "to encounter the 'Lord's Day.'" Precisely in this perspective we want to place the commitment resulting from these months in which we have lived with faith the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy," he said, "which concludes today in the dioceses of the whole world with the closing of the Holy Door in the cathedral churches." "The Holy Year has urged us, on the one hand, to keep our eyes fixed toward the fulfillment of God's Kingdom and on the other, to build the future of this land, working to evangelize the present, so that it becomes a time of salvation for all."

**Ecumenism Today - Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church**

**Catholic and Anglican relations in the 21st Century**, a discussion between Bishop Stephen Platten, The Rector of St Michael's Cornhill, in the City of London, and honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of London; and Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of the Catholic Diocese of Southwark, and Chair of the Bishop's Conference Committee for other Faiths. All are welcome.

**Parents who wish their children to make their First Holy Communion in 2017**

Instruction classes start on 21st January for children who have been baptised, & are in Year 3 or above. Father Vic needs to speak to the parents of all First Communion Candidates prior to their enrolment. Then, please phone Annie Vagg: on 01622- 831216 for an enrolment form, or email: [davidvagg123@btinternet.com](mailto:davidvagg123@btinternet.com)

**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.