

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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27th November- First Sunday in Advent- Ordinary time- Year A

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

Leslie Atkinson, Catherine Scarlett, Christine Bodger, Vera Crouch and Marian Fraczyk.
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: 19 & 20 November £365.22 of this £283.30 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

19 & 20 November Second Collection for Catholic Youth Services £ 107.38 thank you

Second collection for Christmas Flowers next weekend 3/4 December

A second collection for flowers to decorate the two churches. Also if you will have any greenery or berries please ring: **Goudhurst:** Sue Nichol 01580-212275; and **Hawkhurst** Jean Shill 01580-753841.

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

Hawkhurst Churches Together ecumenical service at 6.30pm

Sunday 27th November Advent Carol Service Christ Church Kilndown at 6.30pm

Goudhurst Churches Together ecumenical service at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 13th December Icons of Advent and Reflection 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church

As part of Churches Together in Goudhurst, Fr Vic will lead an evening of meditative prayer focusing on icons of Advent and Christmas. Refreshments will be served. All welcome

Sunday 18th December Village Carol Service of nine lessons and Carols

Organised by Churches Together in Hawkhurst at 6.00pm in St Laurence Church, The Moor Hawkhurst

Maidstone and Hastings Day Centres for homeless people

We need warm, clean clothes for the men and women who use the centres; Fleeces, anoraks, sleeping bags, jogging pants, jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves and socks. No suits or cotton shirts. Please bring them to the presbytery by no later than Sunday 11th December. Thank you Jean Shill

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, and 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

Diocesan Spirituality Commission Reflections for the Season of Advent. Preparing for God's Coming – 5 minute daily thoughts for Advent. Our Diocese has developed a series of daily reflections featuring the Scripture of the day, thought & prayer drawn from the spirituality of Stewardship. If you wish to receive these free daily emails for Advent in this way, subscribe via <http://eepurl.com/bP6Bp9>.

Christmas Services 2016

Wednesday 21st December Service of Reconciliation 7.30 to 8.30pm

Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN171DN

A short service of reconciliation followed by an opportunity for confessions.

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December Midnight Mass

Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN17 1DN. The service starts at 10.30pm with carols & readings, the Mass will begin at 11.00pm.

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

8.30 am mass - St Barnabas Church, High Street, Hawkhurst TN18 4AH.

10.30 am mass - Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN17 1DN