

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

Parish Priest, Father Vic McClean

The Presbytery, Beresford Road, Goudhurst, Kent TN17 1DN. Tel: 01580-211268.

Email vic.mcclean@btconnect.com; Website <http://www.rcgoudhurst.org.uk>

25th December- The Nativity of the Lord- 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

May Roberts, Edward Martin, Michael McRory, Desmond Cluley, Arthur Nutt, Mike Taylor, Norah Hudson, Betty Bennett, Martin Jackson, Maxine Hayes, Maria Roberts, Jean D'Arcy and Timothy Noel Sheehan. 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, Philip Sheridan and Audrey Martine.

.....
Parish Collections: 17/18 December £378.24 of this £256.36 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

The Christmas collection is your personal gift offering to the priest of the parish.

CRIB OFFERINGS This year we are supporting **Friends of the Holy Land**, who support the poorest Christian families in the Holy Land, to enable them to maintain a minimum level of quality of life.

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Please note: there are no weekday masses from Monday 27th to Friday 30th December

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 .

A Christmas Carol. by G. K. Chesterton

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all alright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

PARISH DIARIES 2017. Please note the diaries this year will cost £1.00 each. We are sorry they are not free, but we were unable to get the advertising sponsorship this year.