

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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1st January 2017- The Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God- 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

Herbert Winn, Walter McGlone, John Barton, Alan Watts, Rowland Bartlett, Joseph Hoare, Maureen Benton, Graham Cluley, Claudine van Graan, Vincent Martin, Antoni Kajzer, Lawrence Victor Gottelier, Johann Dassen. John Donegan, John Lusted and Trevor Martin. 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.

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MANY THANKS to all those who worked so hard to make our churches and Christmas celebrations so beautiful, and throughout the year. Thank you also for all your personal kindness and generous cards and gifts to me this Christmas. Wishing you all a very happy and a peaceful New Year. My love to you all and your families. Father Vic.

CRIB OFFERINGS We are supporting **Friends of the Holy Land**, who support the poorest Christian families in the Holy Land, to help them maintain a better quality of life. www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

SPUC 'WHITE FLOWER' APPEAL on 7 & 8 January

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on 7th/8th January. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last fifty years. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion. There will be a speaker from SPUC making the appeal.

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

Instruction classes will 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 . Please come and speak to Father Vic; so far there are 4 candidates.

Peace Sunday 15 January "Non-Violence: A Style of Politics" Second Collection for Pax Christi

It is the 50th anniversary of World Peace Day Pope Francis affirms the place of non-violence-such as diplomacy, negotiation and citizen's action-in preventing wars and resolving conflicts.

New Year's resolution: Make a difference with CAFOD Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches? Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Are you a budding writer who could contribute to our blog and e-news? Please get in touch with us on southwark@cafod.org.uk or 020 8466 9901 to find out more and book a place on one of our Understanding CAFOD information sessions: 11 January in Bromley, 28 January in Stratford and 4 February in Waterloo.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Parish Supper & social evening Saturday 11 February 2017; Kilndown Village Hall; 7.00pm - 10.30pm.