

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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5th March 2017- First Sunday in Lent - 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 during Lent only on Saturday morning 9.30am to 10.30am at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst.

Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time

Edith Fuller, Elizabeth Smyth, Frank Raynor, Patty Mahoney, Emlyn Roberts, Noel Watson, Terence Burton, Paddy Smyth, Gordon Heap, Mike O'Reilly, Ted McGuire, Father Maurice Byron, Father Joe Coleman, Patrick Gough, Peggy Bellingham, Clara Esther Clemence, Craig Barber, Norman Purdye, Rosemary Atkins, Alain Hosking, Rowena McGuire, Sean Hurton, Anthony Bennett, & Pamela Duncan Ebert. May they 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 Desmond Sheridan.

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Parish Collections 25/26 February. £401.28 of this £292.04 was gift aided Thank you.

Diocesan Second collection for The Poor Parishes Fund £109.77 thank you.

Friday 10th March CAFOD Lent Fast Day Please take a CAFOD gift aid envelope this weekend, and bring it back with your donation next week. There will be a **second collection** at all masses on

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March for CAFOD when Catherine Mayer our CAFOD representative will give a short address.

- **Lent Lunches in Goudhurst** each Saturday in St Mary's Church from 4th March, 12.30 to 2.00pm.
- **Lent Lunches in Hawkhurst 12.00 to 1.30pm from 10 March** Hawkhurst Churches Together in All Saints Lodge, Rye Rd, Hawkhurst opposite the Colonnade shops, 12.00 to 1.30pm every Friday. Each church takes part, we will prepare the lunch on 24th March. Donations will be for Christian Aid.
- **Stations of the Cross every Friday at 9.00am at the Sacred Heart before the 9.30am mass**
Stations of the Cross every Saturday at 5.00pm at the Sacred Heart before the 5.30pm mass

Lent Groups in Goudhurst on Tuesdays & Fridays. York Lenten Course over five weeks in Lent.

Session 1: Receiving Christ: as children of God.

Session 2: Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy.

Session 3: Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion.

Session 4: Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship.

Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1.27).

Talks start on Tuesday 7th March & Friday 10th March, & the following dates:-

March 14th, 17th, 21st, 24th, 28th & 31st; April 4th & April 7th.

The Tuesday group will be at 8.00pm in the Presbytery, Beresford Road, and be led by Fr Vic.

The Friday group will be at 1.30pm in the Children's Chapel, St Mary's Church, and led by Dr Jo Meyer. **There are lists in each of our churches for you to sign up for the talks. Fr Vic.**

Lent Reflections the Diocesan Stewardship Team have made a daily email available during Lent, a reflection on the day's Mass reading. The link to sign up is: <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P> Stewardship is spirituality accessible to everyone; the concept of gratitude to God for his personal gifts to us in our lives acts as a focus and the right language for our people's lived faith.

24 Hours for the Lord: from 10.00am Friday to 10.00am Saturday 24/25 March

In his Apostolic Letter, Misericordia et misera, at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis requests that the Universal Church continue to observe the 24 Hours for the Lord on the Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The chief elements of the 24 Hours for the Lord are prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for Confession. We will observe this in our parish on the Friday evening and Saturday morning.

This prayer known as Aaron's blessing was given by God to Moses (Numbers: Chapter 6 v24-26)

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace..