

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH
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13th August 2017- The Nineteenth Sunday in 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: Adoration every Tuesday and Friday morning 8.30 to 9.30am at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst.

Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Benton, Toni Markley Aimes, Terry Wilkinson, Maree Alexander, Margaret Peel, Olga Gudimenko, Zoe Schürmann, Margaret Oczkowska, Peter Cornelius, Lucy Watson & Henry Hayward. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Marjorie & John Dumbleton, Shirley Dore, Pearl Fitzgerald, Barbara Toll, Cynthia Raza and Betty Curtin.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daisy Fletcher who died peacefully at home last Saturday at the age of 103; please pray also for her daughters Helen and Pam and all Daisy's family

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Parish Collections 5 & 6 August £370.51, of this £287.00 was Gift aided, thank you.

Tuesday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

9.30am mass and an 8.00pm mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Rd, Goudhurst.

11.00am mass at St Barnabas Church, High Street, Hawkhurst.

The Catenian's Rosary Group Following on from their work dispatching Rosaries to the Missions in Australia & Africa they now concentrate on providing **plastic** Rosaries to prisons. Rosaries can be sent to: - Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Rd, Halifax HX3 0SP.01422 352559 or Michael@ijbr.co.uk

Important - Renewed Appeal for new members of The Parish Council

The Parish Council currently consists of a group of 8 parishioners who meet 6 times a year at the Presbytery in order to support Fr Vic in managing all the business of the parish; until recently we used to have 10 members including Fr Vic. We need some fresh ideas as well as fresh faces! So, if you could help us, we would be delighted to hear from you! We have recently organised the installation of a new kitchen in the presbytery, much needed after 30 years; and a new boiler for Goudhurst church.

Please consider this request, and contact our Chairman Chris Roome: chrisgk.roome@btinternet.com – to arrange a preliminary chat if you are interested and able to help. Thank You.

Saturday 9th September - Keep fit & raise money! Kent Churches Sponsored RIDE AND STRIDE

The annual Ride and Stride takes place on **Saturday 9th September 2017** from 10.00am to 6.00pm.

Discover Kent's churches by bicycle or on foot and get sponsorship for doing so. Money raised will be divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and our church. A list of churches participating and the sponsorship forms are available in each church.

From the Diocese: Marriage and Family Life -Kent Pastoral Area

1) Ministering to the Bereaved – A one day course. 23rd September 2017. St Thomas of Canterbury, Rainham, Kent ME8 7RH, Presenter Elizabeth Partridge (Phone: 01303 670880 Email: earpartridge@gmail.com). For More Information and to book - Contact: Mrs. Josie Boxall 51, Hickory Dell, Hempstead, Nr. Gillingham, Kent ME7 3SL. There are Leaflets available in our churches.

2) A meeting for the laity to explore and discuss the Pope's views on 'Love and Joy' in the family will be held on Saturday 30th September 2017 at West Malling from 10am until 1pm. This event is suitable for all adult parishioners, and will include suggestions about how to put the Pope's message into practice. Booking is essential and for further information please contact the MFL coordinator in your area. (Tea and coffee will be provided). Contact: carolemflkent@gmail.com or phone: 07983-524727.



St LAWRENCE'S TEARS The feast of St Lawrence falls at the time of the Perseid Meteor Shower. This spectacular astronomical phenomenon used to be known as the "burning tears of St Lawrence", as it coincides with St Lawrence's martyrdom on 10th August. The shower tends to peak around **9th - 13th August**. The best time to view the Perseids, & most other meteor showers, is when the sky is the darkest. Astronomers suggest that depending on the moon's phase, the best time to view meteor showers is just before dawn.