

**GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH**

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**8th October 2017- The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
**Prisoner's Sunday- Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their families**

**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:**

Marlene Codd, Philip Morley. Stephen Butterworth and Sybil Ann Ryan. May they all 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, Betty Curtin and Eileen Collett.

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**Parish Collections 23/24 September** £471.67 of this £359.00 was Gift aided, thank you.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast day Friday 6th October - A second collection on 7 & 8 October for CAFOD**

The very first Family Fast Day was held on Friday 11 March 1960, when volunteer members of the National Board of Catholic Women raised funds for a Dominica mother and baby clinic.

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please collect a Fast Day envelope and give what you can this weekend.

**Please use a CAFOD Gift Aid envelope if you are a tax payer it will add 25p to every £1 given.**

**Sunday 8th October is also Prisoners Sunday.** It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families & their children. Prisoner's Sunday offers an opportunity to open our hearts to those members of our community who may be in crisis & to be there for those who most need our support. Please pray for prisoners and their dependents. [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

**Please Note Change of venue:**

**A Morning of Recollection for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers of Communion** will take now place at the Holy Family Church, Bicknor Rd, Park Wood, Maidstone. ME15 9PS  
**Saturday 14th October from 9.30am coffee, then start at 10.00 am to 1.00pm.** It will be led by Canon Anthony Charlton who is the Parish Priest of St Thomas Catholic Church in Canterbury and Vice Chairman of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission. It is part of your Eucharistic duties to try to attend a period of recollection each year if possible. Thank You. Fr Vic.

**Parish Autumn Fair Saturday 18th November in Goudhurst Village Hall 9.30am to 12.00**

The fair is our only fundraising event for the parish, and a social occasion, please support it.

We need the following goods, which can be left at the presbytery or in the church.

**Tombola-** bottles, wine, beer, squash, soft drinks. **Children's toys, games & books.**

**Books old and new, CD's & DVD's,** (please no videos).

**Homemade cakes,** bread, chutneys and jams. Fresh produce.

**Bric-a-Brac** (please no clothes/shoes or electrical items), **Pictures and prints;**

**Bathroom toiletries,** soaps, lotions, candles etc; **Gifts and Raffle prizes.**

Email [vic.mcclean@btconnect.com](mailto:vic.mcclean@btconnect.com) or ring Jean 01580-753841 if you can help or have new ideas.

**NEWS FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE** With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2017, two Holy Days of Obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England and Wales & has been confirmed by the Holy See. The days are: **The Epiphany of the Lord** - 6th January (transferred to the adjacent Sunday when it falls on Saturday or Monday). **The Ascension of the Lord** - Thursday after Sixth Sunday of Easter. <http://catholicnews.org.uk/why-bishops-restored-holy-days> .

**The Holy Father's Prayer's for October - For the rights of all Workers and the Unemployed**

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.