

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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15th October 2017- The Twenty Eighth 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:

Violet Elizabeth McGrath, Teresa Casey, Alexina Egan, Martha Pearson, Margaret Millis, Nora Nicholson, Peggy Wheeler and Jim Crouch. 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 7/8 October £386.25 of this £276.30 was Gift aided, thank you.

CAFOD Harvest Fast day collection £574.50 thank you for your generous donations.

Sunday 22nd October is World Mission Day – MISSIO: Next weekend, there will be a second collection at all masses for MISSIO (formerly APF Missions) which is the church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools & vocations in countries where the Church is new, and poor. MISSIO ensures that all resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need; the money goes directly to the bishops in the mission territories, helping their local church and community.

Ride and Stride The final total of money raised by Kveta & John Waterman was £360.00, and we have just received a cheque for our parish from the Friends of Kent Churches for £180.00. Our grateful thanks to John and Kveta for their sterling efforts.

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 or ring Jean 01580-753841 if you can help or have new ideas.

Carol Singing in Advent- Goudhurst Churches Together Regular Carol Singing takes place in Goudhurst every year during Advent. This is organised by Jill Dunstall (01580 211841) and takes place on two organised evenings. The singers are always eager for new voices who might wish to join them in this festive venture. Do contact Jill if you would like to join them it is only for 2 evenings.

Community Cupboard Goudhurst & Kildown churches(St Mary's, Christchurch & Sacred Heart)

supported by Churches Together are collecting for a "Community Cupboard" and will soon be able to provide food and basic toiletries in the short term for those experiencing financial difficulties. Donations for this would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the entrance of St Mary's; one on the table at Christchurch; and one in the Sacred Heart. There is a list of accepted items on the boxes, and today you can pick up a Shopping List flyer More details on www.gkchurch.org.uk look under "Connect".

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.