

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH
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3rd December 2017- The First Sunday in Advent - Year B

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:

Alice Burgess, Herbert Fitzgerald, Leonard Law, Father Pradeep Joshi SJ, Betty Widdowson and Marie Van Graan. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Marjorie & John Dumbleton, Shirley Dore, Barbara Toll, Cynthia Raza, Betty Curtin, Fr Vic and Eileen Collett. Please also pray for Philip Mason and Anne Moten.

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Parish Collections 25/26 November £368.56 of this £261.50 was Gift aided, thank you.

National Youth Sunday 2nd collection £149.97 of this £69.53 was Gift aided, thank you

Christmas Flowers:- second Collection this weekend for flowers to decorate our two churches.

Second Collection on 9 & 10 December for two families who are in great need in our parish.

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no 9.30am mass this week from Monday 4th to Friday 8th December.

Churches Together in Goudhurst – Advent Group started on Thursday 30th November

Using the York Advent course; the group will meet in St Mary's Church, Goudhurst for 4 weeks starting Thursday 30th November at 1.30pm. Bring a sandwich lunch; tea/coffee will be supplied. All welcome.

IMPORTANT - Parents who wish their children to make their First Holy Communion in 2018

The instruction classes will start on 20th 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 Fr Vic & Annie wish to meet with parents & candidates before Christmas.

Churches Together in Hawkhurst Advent Service Sunday 3rd December 6.30pm

The Advent Service will at St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst .. All welcome.

Goudhurst Churches Together Advent - Rev Craig Huxley will speak about 'The Music of Advent' on Thursday 14th December, 7:30-9:00. at the Sacred Heart Church. Refreshments - All welcome

CAFOD Traidcraft Christmas Cards are available for sale in each church

Pope Francis' Mission Intention for December is for The Elderly:

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Christmas Services 2017 Please take special note of the times of masses for Christmas this year.

Saturday 23rd December

5.30pm mass at The Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst

Sunday 24th December

8.30am mass at St Barnabas Church High Street Hawkhurst.

Please note there is no 10.30am Mass at Goudhurst this Sunday as there will be Mass in the evening.

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December Mass. (Note the change of times this year)

Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN17 1DN

The service will start at 6.00pm with carols and readings and be followed by the Mass which will begin at 6.30pm.

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

8.30 am mass St Barnabas Church, High Street, Hawkhurst TN18 4AH

10.30 am mass Sacred Heart Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst TN17 1DN.