

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH
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17th December 2017 - Gaudete Sunday - The Third 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:

Herbert Nutt, Major R.C. Wilkinson, D.A. Calcutt, and Fr Bert White. May they all rest in peace.

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

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Parish Collections 9/10 December £429.48 of this £383.03 was Gift aided, thank you.

2nd Collection 9/10 December for families in need in our parish, £425.00 thank you;.

The Christmas collection at the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass & Christmas Day Mass is your personal gift offering to our parish priest. **Please use your Gift Aid envelopes**, all the collection is for Fr Vic but can still be Gift Aided. Please make cheques out to Goudhurst Catholic church

PLEASE NOTE: there is no 9.30am mass this week from Monday 18th to Friday 23rd December.

CRIB OFFERINGS This year we are supporting **Friends of the Holy Land**, who support the poorest Christian families in the Holy Land, to enable them to maintain a minimum level of quality of life.

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Churches Together in Hawkhurst – Village Carol Service Sunday 17th December 6.30 -7.30pm
in St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst TN18 4RS all welcome

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 & readings, followed by 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.

URGENT NOTICE for Parents who wish their children to make their First Communion in 2018
So far there are only 3 candidates, we may have to postpone for a year if no one else applies.

Please contact Annie Vagg no later than the 5th January if you wish to apply. The instruction classes are due to start on 20th January for children who have been baptised, & are in Year 3 or above. Please phone Annie Vagg: on 01622- 831216 for an enrolment form, or email: davidvagg123@btinternet.com

*Before the Paling of the Stars
Priest and king lay fast asleep
In Jerusalem;
Young and old lay fast asleep
In crowded Bethlehem;
Saint and angel, ox and ass
Kept a watch together,
Before the Christmas daybreak
In the winter weather.
by Christina Rossetti*