



**GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH**

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**24th December 2017 - The Fourth 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, Fr Bert White, May Roberts, Edward Martin, Michael McRory, Desmond Cluley, Arthur Nutt, Mike Taylor, Norah Hudson, Betty Bennett, Martin Jackson, Maxine Hayes, Maria Roberts, Jean D'Arcy & Timothy Sheehan. 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 16/17 December** £552.00 of this £467.10 was Gift aided, thank you.

**The Christmas collections at the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass & Christmas Day Mass**

are 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

**CRIB OFFERINGS** are for the **Friends of the Holy Land**, who support the poorest Christian families in the Holy Land, to give them a better quality of life. [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**Christmas Services 2017**

**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.

**No weekday masses from Tuesday 26th December to Friday 29th December.**

**A Christmas Carol by G. K. Chesterton**

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,  
His hair was like a light.  
(O weary, weary were the world,  
But here is all alright.)*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast  
His hair was like a star.  
(O stern and cunning are the kings,  
But here the true hearts are.*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,  
His hair was like a fire.  
(O weary, weary is the world,  
But here the world's desire.)*

*The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee,  
His hair was like a crown,  
And all the flowers looked up at Him,  
And all the stars looked down.*