

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH
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31st December 2017 - The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - 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:

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, Herbert Winn, Walter McGlone, John Barton, Alan Watts, Rowland Bartlett, Joseph Hoare, Maureen Benton, Graham Cluley, Claudine van Graan, Vincent Martin, Antoni Kajzer, Lawrence Gottelier. Johann Dassen, John Donegan, John Lusted and Trevor Martin. 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 23/24 December £281.00 of this £222.50 was Gift aided, thank you.

The Christmas collections 24/25 December £2466.20. of this £1815.00 was Gift aided.

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

Monday 1st January the Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9.30am mass: The Sacred Heart Church Goudhurst. The weekday masses at usual times this week.

Thank you Father Vic would like to thank everyone for all their cards and presents, and especially all those who decorated and prepared our churches for Christmas, and those who helped with all the music and readings this Christmas.

URGENT NOTICE for Parents who wish their children to make their First Communion in 2018

So far there are only 4 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 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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

GOD KNOWS - BY MINNIE LOUISE HASKINS (1875-1957)

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still:

What need our little life our human life to know, If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife Of things both high and low, God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will is best. The stretch of years which wind ahead, so dim

To our imperfect vision are clear to God.

Our fears are premature; In Him, All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until God moves to lift the veil From our impatient eyes,

When, as the sweeter features Of Life's stern face we hail,

Fair beyond all surmise God's thought around His creatures

Our minds shall fill.