

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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7th October 2018 – The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time - 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 Wednesday & Friday morning 8.30 to 9.30am at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst.

Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time:

Marlene Codd, Philip Morley, Stephen Butterworth, Sybil Ryan & Fr Peter Nkomazana. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Barbara Toll, Cynthia Raza, Eileen Collett and Caroline Burdge.

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Parish Collections 29 & 30 September £538.99 of this £285.69 was Gift Aided thank you.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection £297.55 thank you.

Pope Francis Intention for October: The Mission of Religious That consecrated religious men & women may bestir themselves, & be present among the poor, the marginalized, & those who have no voice.

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Appeal for new Parish Council members.

The Parish Council currently consists of a group of parishioners who meet 6 times a year in order to support Fr Vic in managing the business of the parish. The current members of the Council are as below, although 2 people will be retire in December after over 20 years.

- Chris Roome – Chair and Parish Finance *retiring December 2018*
- Jean Shill - Parish Secretary and admin, *retiring December 2018*
- Robert Martine , Edward Hutt, Brendan Coyne
- Elizabeth Watcham Children's Liturgy.
- Shaun Cleary, Catherine Mayers, Nick & Mary Furlonge.
- Mike Iles - Church Parish Finance and Gift Aid organiser.
- Ali Lane & Ros Chandler- Safeguarding.

Many of us have served on the council for a good number of years & at our most recent meeting - we discussed the need to think about succession planning & the recruitment of at least 2 new members in order to refresh our thinking & to better represent the Parish & the many new younger members. If you can help us we would be delighted to hear from you! Please contact Chris Roome – 01580-891686 – chrisroome105@icloud.com – for a preliminary chat if you are interested.

LET IT BE – INSPIRING NEW FILM COURSE ON MARY We are running a 5 week course on the life of Mary past & present. Filmed around the world with well-known experts and down-to-earth testimonies about how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. As part of the course you will get your own Let It Be Book which includes the main content of the film plus lots of useful follow-on info and optional daily prayer reflections. The perfect way to prepare your heart for Advent! Starting Wednesday evenings from the end of October. Refreshments included. Email dsrf.liz@gmail.com for more information

Morning of Recollection for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers of Communion Sat 20th October

Will take place at the St Peter's Church, Button Lane, Bearsted. ME15 8NJ. 9.30am coffee, then start at 10.00 am to 1.00pm. The morning will be led by Fr Peter Soper, Parish Priest of St Thomas More West Malling.

The Children's Liturgy Group needs more help at the 10.30am mass. Please consider offering your help so we can keep these classes going. We welcome all parents, grandparents or other members of the parish who are able to help. Depending on numbers we would need your help usually twice a term. All information & training is provided. Please email: Elizabeth Watcham elizabeth@watcham.com

Letter from Archbishop Peter Smith - Kent Pastoral Area. Now that Bishop Paul has been installed as Bishop for the Forces, I need to make some temporary arrangements for the Kent Pastoral Area until a new Auxiliary Bishop has been chosen & appointed. The fact that we have fewer priests now in the diocese than four years ago means that I cannot see we can have a full-time Episcopal vicar in Kent. Mgr. Matthew Dickens has very kindly offered to assist in looking after the clergy & parishes in Kent. Gill Reeves continues as secretary in Bishop's House, West Malling, Hermitage. Mgr. Dickens will come to West Malling, probably weekly. He will of course be here at Archbishop's House at other times if you need of advice. Gill's email: gillreeves@rcaos.org.uk .