

**GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH**  
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**16th December 2018–The Third Sunday in Advent - Gaudete Sunday**

**MASS: Saturday 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst**

**Sunday: 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst and 10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst**

**Monday to Friday: 9.30am Goudhurst.**

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Mass 9.30am and 8.00pm at Goudhurst, 11.00am at Hawkhurst.

**Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time:**

Herbert Nutt, Major R.C. Wilkinson, D.A. Calcutt. Fr Bert White. 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 8 & 9 December** £367.07 of this £297.10 was Gift Aided thank you.

**Second Collection on 8 & 9 December** for families in need in our parish. £350.25 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

**CRIB OFFERINGS** This year we are supporting the Catholic Children's Society.

**Pope Francis's intention for December: Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.**

**ADORATION DURING ADVENT - Exposition of the Holy Eucharist. Please note new times.**

Adoration on Wednesday mornings the 12 and 19 December at 8.30 to 9.30am.

Adoration on Saturday mornings the 8, 15 & 22 December at 11.30am to 12.30pm, followed by reconciliation with an opportunity for confessions.

**Churches Together in Hawkhurst – Village Carol Service Sunday 23rd December 6.30 -7.30pm**

in St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst TN18 4RS all welcome.

**Christmas Eve Monday 24th December Mass.**

**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 Tuesday 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

**WOULD YOU LIKE to be an ALTAR SERVER?** If so, and if you have made your First Communion and usually attend the weekend Mass, please speak to Father Vic or email [goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk) for more information. Serving at the Altar during Mass or other services is a great honour. Full training will be arranged in the New Year before you are asked to serve. A good Altar Server will give their service with attention and respect. It is hoped by Father Vic that we will eventually enrol all our Altar Servers as members of the Guild of St Stephen.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2019** Lessons will begin in mid-January for children in year 3, age 7 to 8 years old or above who wish to make their First Holy Communion, on the Feast of Corpus Christi June 23rd 2019. Parents should pick up an enrolment form and speak to Fr Vic. Louise Martine will be leading the classes. It is very important that all forms are received before Christmas so that the books can be ordered in time!

**THANK YOU!** Last week after the 10.30 Mass at Goudhurst, we were entertained to mulled wine & coffee by many parish members as a 'Thank you' for our work together over the last 20 years on the Parish Council. There was a splendid cake & lots of delicious 'nibbles' too & we were really touched and pleased (and surprised!) to be celebrated in this warm way. Thanks to all the Parish members who worked hard to get the party organised, and thanks too for all your support over the years. This is a very special Parish led by a very special priest and it has been our privilege to work alongside him over the years. We hope you have all had a joyous and blessed Christmas. Chris and Jean.

**PARISH - CATHOLIC CHURCH DIARIES FOR 2019** have arrived, please take one. FREE.