

**GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH**  
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**23rd December 2018 –The Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**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:** 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 Noel Sheehan.  
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 15 & 16 December** £374.66 of this £300.00 was Gift Aided 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 Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and their families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

**ADORATION DURING ADVENT - Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.** Adoration on Saturday morning the 22 December at 11.30am to 12.30pm, with an opportunity for confessions.

**Churches Together in Hawkhurst – Village Carol Service 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 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

**No weekday masses from Wednesday 26th December to Friday 28th December**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2019** Lessons will begin in mid-January for children in year 3, aged 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!

***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,*