



Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21 March 2021, Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B

Mass Times

Saturday 5:30 pm Goudhurst
Sunday 8:30 am Hawkhurst, 10:30 am Goudhurst

Anniversaries

Robert Holmes, Malcolm Joseph Butt, Tim Gower, Tom Faulkner, Margaret Body, Sue Ring, Margaret Banfield, Terence Burton, Shelia Boyce, Anthony Richards.

Pray for the Sick

Bernadette Strange, Helen Fletcher, Cynthia Raza, Eileen Collett and Chris Durbin the wife of the Deacon at Bearstead

Music at Mass

10:20 Choral music before Mass

Ad Coeman Agni Providi	Monks and Choir Downside
Bless The Lord	Simply Taize
Laeta Dies Magni Ducis	Monks and Choir Downside

10.30 Mass

Opening Hymn
Communion

Be Still For The Presence of the Lord
Adoramus Te Domine – Taize
O Lord Hear My Prayer – Taize
Alleluia Sing To Jesus

Retiring

Pope Francis

Prayer of Intention for March

Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

*We ask for the mercy of God at the beginning of Mass, this Sacrament is one of mercy and could renew a whole Parish overnight. We are what we are, we fail in love and we need God's love and the Church for absolution and reconciliation. **Father Vic***

Easter Flowers

During recent weeks the opportunity for second and additional collections has been limited. To facilitate donations for flowers in Church at Easter an additional box has been placed in both locations for your donations.

Childrens' Liturgy

During Lent Louise Martine is planning to hold 'Zoom' sessions. Although Masses are continuing at Sacred Heart and St Barnabas we cannot yet meet in person to run these sessions. The sessions run for 30 minutes on Saturday afternoons at 5:30pm on the 20th and 27th of March. If you are interested in your children taking part please email goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk and your details will be passed onto Louise.

First Holy Communion

Please could parents who would like their child (Year 2 and above) to take their first Holy Communion this year contact Father Vic

In the News

Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), the charity that gave generations of young Britons their first taste of faraway cultures, is preparing to wind down its operations in the wake of cuts to the Government's foreign aid budget. It faces a funding cliff edge in the next fortnight and plans to withdraw from 14 countries and make 200 people redundant.

VSO began in 1958 in response to a letter in the Sunday Times from the Bishop of Portsmouth, asking for people to teach English in Borneo. By the 1960's thousands of volunteers were working around the world on grassroots projects.

Philip Goodwin, VSO chief executive, said the situation was heartbreaking "This is a major British institution that is known throughout the world" Volunteers, many from deprived areas of Britain were due to go out on placements this summer but now cannot go. **The Sunday Times**

Did you do a VSO placement? Tell us about it, where did you go, what did you do? What difference or lasting impact has it made to your life?

Iconography

You will (hopefully) have noticed that the heading picture of the newsletter has changed from a picture of Sacred Heart Church to an icon, probably the most well known of all icons, it is called Christ Pantocrator which means almighty or all powerful. Now known in the west as Christ in Majesty it has come to suggest Christ as a mild but stern, all powerful judge of humanity.

Most parishioners will know of Father Vic's passion for iconography and that it is his hope in retirement to bring his collection of icons together with his thinking and writing on the subject forward for publication. In the meantime, over the coming weeks, Father Vic will choose other icons to feature, together some background notes.

Do you have a favourite icon? Let us know and Father Vic may have a copy (or even the original !) in his collection so that we can feature it.

Missio

Dear parishioners, sorry I have not been able to collect the red boxes last year and will not collect this year either and not so sure how long it will go on for. However you can still contribute directly to Missio online at missio.org.uk

The Mill Hill Missionaries are an international fellowship of Catholic missionaries dedicated to announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ to people throughout the world. In England and Wales they work alongside Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, to promote an understanding of our baptismal call to be missionaries, and raise funds to support the work of the Church throughout the world. **Chris Thakerar**

Thank you

For the warm welcome and kind thoughts for my first week as your Parish Secretary. I have been asked if I am settling in OK? Absolutely, Father Vic goes to Cranbrook most Fridays to get fish and chips for lunch. I've got my order in !

Let us pray

Lord, because you have made the world around us, may we always pray with our eyes open and see the wonder of all those things that reflect your beauty. **Father Vic**

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