



Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

Sunday 28 March 2021, Palm Sunday, Year B

Mass Times

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

Book as usual through thechurchisopen@gmail.com

Please be considerate to others at this busy time of year and keep a social distance, wear a mask and keep safe.

Easter Offering

The Offering at this time of year is for Father Vic, let us keep him in our thoughts and prayers as he prepares for, and looks forward to his well deserved retirement.

Anniversaries

Mickeal Quelly, Marie Pilcher, Cyril Herbert Dee, Reggie Alexander, Pat Young, Bernard Darcy

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

Pange Lingua Gloriosi	Monks and Choir Downside
Purge Me, O Lord	Tallis Scholars
Vent Filii	Monks and Choir Downside

10.30 Mass

Opening Hymn
Communion

Be Thou My Vision
Bless The Lord – Taize
Adoramus Te Domine – Taize

Retiring

The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended

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.

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

The guest on last week's Desert Island Discs was Dame Louise Casey, she grew up near Portsmouth and was educated at Oaklands Catholic School followed by Goldsmiths, University of London. Her career began with the DHSS administering benefits to homeless people, before becoming deputy director of Shelter in 1992.

From that time on she has brought her own brand of feisty results getting to homelessness, anti-social behaviour and troubled families. In February 2020 Casey was appointed by the PM to carry out a review of the government's strategy into homelessness, which aimed to end rough sleeping by 2024. This work was redirected due to the Covid pandemic and she is credited with arranging temporary accommodation for close to 15,000 rough sleepers as part of the government's *Everyone In* initiative.

"The programme is well worth a listen and can be heard again on BBC Sounds. Her testimony and her passion about working with the dispossessed brought tears to my eyes". **Kate Roome**

Mass Stewards

We are very glad that both churches are able to re-open for Mass each weekend. In order to keep the churches open we do have to have two stewards at each Mass. The stewards are responsible for welcoming parishioners into the church and ensuring that hand sanitising and social distancing rules are complied with. The stewards also clean the church after each Mass. All training will be provided. If you feel that you could help please email the parish office with your details.

Marriage and Family Life

The Marriage and Family Life team are seeking volunteers who would be interested in being trained to train others in Bereavement support ministry at parish and deanery level. An introductory meeting will take place remotely, via zoom from 10am to 11am, on Saturday 8th May. Please email Elizabeth Partridge at: mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk to register and receive the zoom meeting joining details. Subsequent online training meetings are planned. Further details will be shared at the introductory meeting.

Trouble at t'mill

The dignity of work has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning. The human person should always come before the pursuit of profit. Workers have the right to join trade unions, to a just wage, to spend time with their families and to rest. Work is an essential part of our human dignity and everyone has the right to participate.

For some the fear of the pandemic may end with 2 vaccine jabs, for others facing the closure of their workplace and permanent job loss the pandemic may be with them for the rest of their lives. Let us hope and pray that as we rebuild our country, communities and economy we re-focus on the value of the workers and the workplace as one of the building blocks of a just and fair society. **Tim Gallier**

Let us pray

Stand by your people, Lord, who place all their trust in your mercy. Wash away the stain of our sins, make us live in your presence our whole life long, and bring us to the inheritance you have promised. **Father Vic**

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