



Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

18 April 2021, Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

Mass Times

Saturday 17:30, Goudhurst
Sunday 08:30, Hawkhurst
Sunday 10:30, Goudhurst

Book as usual through thechurchisopen@gmail.com

Please be considerate to others, keep a social distance, wear a mask

Anniversaries

Connie de Wilton, Eileen McGuire, Joanna Smith, Frank Samuels, Anne Buckley, Thomas Stanley Hosking, John Lory Hosking, Francis Meynell

Pray for the Sick

Bernadette Strange, Helen Fletcher, Cynthia Raza, Eileen Collett

Music at Mass

10:20 Choral Attende Domine, Monks and Choir of Downside
Prelude Bless The Lord, Simply Taize
Ad Coenam Agni Providi, Monks and Choir of Downside

10.30 Mass

Opening Hymn Be Thou My Vision
Communion If Anyone is Thirsty
Ave Maria
Retiring O Praise Ye the Lord

Pope Francis

Prayer of Intention for April, Fundamental Rights:

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis

*Lord may we treasure the freedom you have given us. We pray that you strengthen our convictions and grant us the courage to act on them. May we give voice to those who are unable to speak for themselves. **Father Vic***

Flowers in Church

Thank you for all your donations for the Easter flowers. So that we can have flowers throughout the year we would be grateful for continued donations, there are 2 small groups of parishioners who arrange the flowers at each church and they often have to pay for the flowers themselves. If everyone could donate a few pounds every now and again it would be much appreciated. There is a Flower Collection box in each church. Thank you for your support. **Jean Shill**

CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

In the News

Cardinal Vincent Nichols recently gave this Pause for Thought reflection on BBC Radio 2. "Do you remember the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas? Sad at the dying of his father, he famously wrote these words:

**And you, my father, there on the sad height,
Curse, bless me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.**

Recently in churches throughout the world, that dying light was overpowered by the light of thousands of candles – each representing another struggle against death but a victory over its darkness. This is the victory celebrated on Easter Sunday, the victory of Jesus Christ over death itself. This He shares with us, for He has made His own our very flesh and blood. You know, in this last, dreadful year, death has touched this nation, our families and communities. Death has left us raging at its cruelty. But today, I tell you, death does not have the last word. No, there is a power more glorious, a larger horizon ablaze with colour, a destiny opened for us."

Priest Training

Next Sunday, 25th April is Good Shepherd Sunday and there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund, known as the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, which pays for men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying 'Yes' to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have 8 men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark.

This year we will have Priest Training Fund gift aid envelopes available. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html (select Priest Training Fund). Please be generous and keep our seminarians, and priests, in your prayers. Thank you.

Let us pray

These are strange times – not just for Catholics. As we come out of lockdown, there are still restrictions in place in our churches to tackle the spread of COVID-19.

We long for the Blessed Sacrament, and for some of us, we are fortunate to share in the loving embrace of Jesus at Church. However, we can still keep Christ at the centre of our lives even if we have to worship and pray at home.

An Act of Spiritual Communion can help us and the priests we see online celebrating Mass in empty Churches frequently encourage us to ask for Our Lord's guidance by offering prayers like this one written by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century.

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"

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