



# Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

25 April 2021, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

## Mass Times

Saturday 17:30, Goudhurst  
Sunday 08:30, Hawkhurst. 10:30, Goudhurst  
Book as usual through [thechurchisopen@gmail.com](mailto:thechurchisopen@gmail.com)

## Important Notice

The rules for wearing a face covering at Mass remain. Face coverings must be worn in places of worship, unless you are exempt. Many of us have received either one or two Covid vaccinations but this does not mean we can relax the current rules regarding face coverings. Please also remember that the actions we take can be seen every Sunday through the live stream which is viewed by 100+ people each week so thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the rules. **Elizabeth Watcham**

## Anniversaries

Rowland Firth, Joe O'Grady, Jo Chenery, Delia Pemble, Mrs Norman, Patrick Coyne, Denis Eccles, and Bernard Myles.

## Pray for the Sick

Bernadette Strange, Helen Fletcher, Cynthia Raza, Eileen Collett

## Music at Mass

10:20 Choral	O Lord Give Thy Spirit	Tallis Scholars
Prelude	Purge Me, O Lord	Tallis Scholars
	If Ye Love Me	Tallis Scholars
10.30 Mass		
Opening Hymn	I The Lord of Sea and Sky	
Communion	This is My Body, Broken For You	
	Adoramus Domine (Taize)	
Retiring	Alleluia Sing to Jesus	

## 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**

## Life in the Spirit

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Team are delighted to offer a wonderful opportunity for personal and diocesan renewal. Through the Life in the Spirit Seminars you will be invited to grow in your love of the Lord, welcome the Spirit into your life afresh and pray for the renewal of our diocese.

The Seminars are held every Tuesday evening from 4th May to 1st June, between 8:00 and 9:30 pm, and will feature a talk from a gifted speaker and small group sharing.

On Saturday 22 May, in addition to the Tuesday evenings, the series will feature a double-bill of seminars (a separate link will be emailed to all registrants for this special day).

Register [bit.ly/2021LISS](https://bit.ly/2021LISS). Learn more <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>

## Make a Date

An Orthodox archbishop has called for the churches in the East and West to celebrate Easter on the same day from 2025. That is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which directed that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. This was fine until the West chose the Gregorian calendar over the Julian meaning Easter in the Orthodox church this year is the 2nd of May. Archbishop Job of Telmessos suggests that since it will fall on the same day in 2025, April 20th, that would be a good time to fix it. This century in fact Easter will coincide 31 times but it won't happen at all in the 28th century so barely 700 years to get this sorted out. No time to lose. **The Times**

## Second Collection

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and there will be a second collection for the Priest Training 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.

You can donate online via [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html) (select Priest Training Fund). Gift Aid envelopes will be available at all Masses.

## Say It With Flowers

After many years of inspired and devoted arranging of church flowers and leading the team at Sacred Heart, Sue Nichol is taking a well earned rest. To maintain the continuity of this much appreciated service, our small team would very much welcome one or two more people to help with this pleasant task. Contact the office for details. **Vanessa Albertini**

## Roome with a View

The piece about Saint Bernadette in last week's newsletter brought back a flood of memories. At my convent school in 1958 in Waterlooville, much was being made, as it was worldwide, of the Centenary of the apparitions in 1858 of Mary to Bernadette. Me and my best friend Bronia were chosen to be Our Lady and Bernadette in a school play and tableau. We were absolutely thrilled, especially me in a long, crisp, white dress with blue veil draped fetchingly across my hair and being hoisted up into an elaborate grotto made of grey, green and brown painted cardboard and wood, constructed on our small school stage. Looking quietly holy and beatific and unable to giggle was so difficult! **Kate Roome**

## Let us pray

Lord God, grant your people constant joy in the renewed vigour of soul. They rejoice because you have restored them to the glory of your adopted children: let them look forward gladly in the certain hope of resurrection.

Almighty God give us the grace of an attentive love to celebrate these days of joy devoted to the honour of the Risen Lord. Teach us to hold fast in our actions to the mystery we recall in worship.

We make our prayers through our Lord, Amen.

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