



# Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

16 May 2021, Seventh 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)

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

## Anniversaries

Bridget Codd, Hugh Butt, James Frazer, Brian Young, Eric Brooks, Florence Crouch, Jim Allen, Norman Bennett, Jessie Butterworth, and James Grier.

## Pray for the Sick

Bernadette Strange, Helen Fletcher, Cynthia Raza, Eileen Collett, and Elaine Martin

## Rest in Peace

Marjorie Dumbleton sadly died at midnight last Saturday. Marjorie and John faithfully attended weekday Masses for a considerable time and John was also a Server. Many in the Parish will remember them with great affection. The funeral will be held at 10:00 on Friday 21 May at St Andrew's Church, Tenterden. If you wish to attend please contact Liz Dumbleton as follows: [ld@emdlaw.co.uk](mailto:ld@emdlaw.co.uk)

## Pope Francis

Prayer of Intention for May, The World of Finance:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

*Lord may we always seek to further true communion among those made in the image of Jesus. May we value the dignity of every man and woman above all things. May those in power desire to serve wisely those in need, and always strive to act justly on their behalf. Amen. **Father Vic***

## Music at Mass

10:20 Prelude A New Commandment, Tallis Scholars  
A Solis Ortus Cardine, Monks and Choir of Downside  
Purge Me O Lord, Tallis Scholars

10:30 Mass Opening Hymn Lord of All Hopefulness  
Communion As the Deer Longs  
O Lord Hear My Prayer  
Retiring O Praise Ye the Lord

## Save the Date

Goudhurst Parish Hall has been booked for the morning of 27 November for the Parish Autumn Fair. Further information will be posted following the Government's final (hopefully) COVID announcement on 21 June.

## Thy Kingdom Come

Take the opportunity to pray for people to come closer to Christ. We can do this using the prayers of our own tradition, by going to Mass, or exploring other Catholic forms of prayer. We hope to inspire and enable practicing Catholics to pray for evangelisation – specifically praying for five members of their family or friends to come closer to Christ – as they pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' from the Ascension to Pentecost.

**Caritas  
Southwark**

Since arriving in the Diocese, I have been very aware of, and thankful for, the social action and works of charity taking place. There are many individuals and groups who are working tirelessly to promote and actively put into practice the Gospel's commandment to love and the truths enshrined in Catholic Social Teaching.

To support this work further, I am exploring the development of 'Caritas Southwark.' This would act as an umbrella for charities, projects and groups involved in social action in our communities; those whose important work originates from and is inspired by the Gospel.

As part of the initial process for Caritas Southwark, I have commissioned an audit to capture a comprehensive picture of the work already being done across the diocese. We need to celebrate and learn from the excellent work currently taking place, identify any needs not being met yet, develop new initiatives, and offer support to existing groups and future social action.

With your support, the audit process will form an essential building block for any future Caritas, ultimately helping the Church here in Southwark to reach out to those most in need. A link to the audit will be sent out in the next few weeks. **Archbishop John Wilson**

**World  
Communications  
Day**

This event is celebrated on Sunday, 16 May and the theme for 2021 is *Communicating by Encountering People as They Are*. This theme chosen by Pope Francis, echoes the words of the Apostle Philip recognising that authentic communication leads to "encountering people as and where they are". Taken from the Bible, John 1:46, the words "Come and see" are central to the Gospel.

The invitation to "come and see", which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication. In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history, it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we "already know" certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us. "Open your eyes with wonder to what you see, let your hands touch the freshness and vitality of things".

This invitation to "come and see", which serves as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church's daily preaching and in political or social communication, has always been the way that the Christian faith has been communicated, from the time of those first encounters on the banks of the River Jordan and on the Sea of Galilee.

**Let us Pray**

Almighty God, fill us with a holy joy, teach us how to thank you with reverence and love on account the Ascension of Christ your Son. You have raised us up with him: where he the head, has preceded us in glory, there we the body are called in hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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