



# Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

20 June 2021, Twelfth Sunday, 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

John Ranger, Brian Doherty, Lily Doherty, Paddy Barnie Doherty, Grace Smith, Robert Wonters, and Ita Burton.

## Pray for the Sick

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

## Pope Francis

Prayer of Intention for June, The beauty of marriage:

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

*Lord may our relationships reflect your selfless love and make our lives truly fruitful. For without you, the Son and the Holy Spirit - a mystery of love above all - we cannot be constant or faithful or be true followers of your Son. Amen.*

## Deanery Mentors

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is developing a model of parish support called Some Definite Service and is looking for people who might be willing to volunteer as Deanery Mentors! This is an exciting opportunity to serve the Church and your fellow parishioners. As you serve, you will also receive formation, training, be accompanied and invested in. For more information, please visit: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds).

## Safeguarding Update

Following the recent communication from Archbishop John with reference to safeguarding, and in preparation for an increase in activity which should follow the lifting of Government restrictions, the Diocese will be launching a re-check and re-validation of all volunteers.

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives:- Ros Chandler (Goudhurst) and Ali Lane (Hawkhurst) will be reviewing the current list of DBS checked volunteers and beginning the renewal process. The requirement now requires re-validation every 3 years but the process is simplified by now being online.

If you have volunteered in the past you can check with the office in the Presbytery that you are still in the system. If you are thinking of becoming a volunteer then again please contact the office and we can start the ball rolling. [goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk)

## Second Collection

There is a second collection this Sunday in aid of the Day for Life, in which the Church celebrates the sacredness of life. Your donation will help the Church fund the core work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to make grants to other Catholic charities working in this field. There is a blue envelope in the gift aid pack which will help your gift go further.

**Open Garden**

Shaun and Kathryn Cleary and family would like to invite you to join them in their garden at Castle Barn, Robertsbridge anytime on Sunday 4th July between 1:30 and 5:00 pm, weather permitting  
As well as the garden there will be cold drinks and nibbles available with all proceeds going to the Heart of Kenya Fund which our Parish supports. The garden is located next to Glottenham Manor Nursing Home, post code TN32 5EB. We hope to see you there.

**One World**

Following the G7 group of nations summit which took place recently in Carbis Bay, bishops representing the Catholic communities of England, Wales and Scotland have written to Prime Minister Boris Johnson to stress that we must work together to ensure a just and sustainable future for our global community. "The urgency of the global ecological crisis, and the teachings of our Catholic faith implore us to speak out, take action, and make decisions that benefit our planet and the most vulnerable in society," say the bishops. They also emphasise that the social, economic, and environmental crises we face are inextricably linked.

"The emergency of the ecological crisis has a human face, recently highlighted by the Vatican's guidance on climate displaced people. In our race towards our own technological and economic advances, we have caused the exploitation of people and the degradation of our planet. Energy and infrastructure are vital in supporting the poorest in our societies out of the pandemic and out of the ecological crisis, but we must look towards a future whereby we radically reduce our use of fossil fuels – something which the countries which you represent have a shared responsibility for, in ensuring fair outcomes for the benefit of all."

**The Art of Communication**

Communication is very important in today's society and the number of ways in which we can share information and communicate, across great distances, has been enhanced by the rapid changes in technology. Two quotes giving a perspective on communication are:

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." – Mother Theresa

"Two monologues do not make a dialogue." – Jeff Daly

The Parish Council is currently looking at how we communicate and what improvements, if any, can be made. We currently have the website, social media (facebook) and the newsletter as formal communication channels. The newsletter has been revamped to make it more relevant and topical and we know the website should have a more visual impact and be more welcoming.

What would be good for the project is to know what YOU think. Tell us what you want from the website, facebook or come and be guest editor of the newsletter for a week, your inputs to this project are essential !

**Let us Pray**

Give us perfect peace Lord, so that we may delight in serving you all the days of our life, and at the last, with our Lady's help, come safely through to your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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