



# Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

04 July 2021, Fourteenth 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

Jack Sackett, Cicely Day, Louise Damant, Petra Furlonge and Richard Scrowston.

## Pray for the Sick

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

## Pope Francis

Prayer of Intention for July, Social Friendship:

We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

*Lord may we be firm in all that involves any encounters and relationships with others. May we grow in our awareness of your presence when we all seek justice and truth and all that contributes to a more human world where everyone's dignity is respected. Amen*

## Volunteers Needed

**GOUDHURST VILLAGE OPEN DAY SAT: 17 JULY - 11.00am to 4.00pm - Cake & Produce Stall**

Our parish has booked a stall in the Village Hall by the pond. Jean Shill and Ros Chandler will be looking after the stall, but other volunteers are needed even if you can only help for an hour. WE NEED homemade cakes, bread, preserves and local produce on the day or you can bring them to the Presbytery on Friday morning 16 July between 10.30am and 1.00pm Each stall gives a donation from their proceeds to support village community projects such as the Scouts and Ready Call. Please email your offers of help asap to the parish office [goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk) or ring Jean 01580-753841

## Open Garden

A reminder that Shaun and Kathryn Cleary would like to invite you to join them in their garden at Castle Barn, Robertsbridge, TN32 5EB, any time on Sunday 4th July between 1.30 and 5pm. Cold drinks and nibbles will be 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, where car parking is also available. We hope to see you there, rain permitting – do call 01580 389109 if unsure about the weather or location.

## Quote Unquote

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." *St. Augustine of Hippo*

## Stella Maris

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

## New Icon

Our new icon for this month (see the top of the newsletter) is St Stephen, traditionally venerated as the protomartyr, or first martyr of Christianity. He was, according to the Acts of the Apostles, a deacon in the early Church at Jerusalem who angered members of various synagogues by his teachings. Accused of blasphemy at his trial, he made a speech denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgment on him and was then stoned to death. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, also known as Paul, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who would later become a Christian apostle. The only source for information about Stephen is the New Testament book of the Acts of the Apostles. Stephen is mentioned in Acts 6 as one of the Greek-speaking Hellenistic Jews selected to participate in a fairer distribution of welfare to the Greek-speaking widows.

## Generation Game

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, is echoing the Pope's words to young people encouraging them to talk to their grandparents if they want to be a sign of hope for the world. Promoting the important connection between generations, Cardinal Nichols said:

Pope Francis is not young. In fact, he's getting on in years, but he has this terrific sense of the connection between generations and its importance. One of the most remarkable things I remember him saying to a million young people at one of the World Youth Days was this:

"If you want to be a sign of hope for the world, go and talk to your grandparents."

And in that way, he expressed so much of what we need in our society of the continuity between the generations. And a day of prayer is important because we're lacking in that often. Elderly people get isolated, grandparents often get forgotten. But a day of prayer will help us to remember that we are gifts to each other because we are gifts of God. And if we give thanks for those gifts, we'll appreciate them.

## Let us Pray

Heavenly Father, grant that Father Vic be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist he celebrates. May the Word he proclaims give him courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom he seeks to serve, may see in him the love and care of Jesus our eternal High Priest, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen

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