

GOUDHURST & HAWKHURST PARISH Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Lent Year A

15th March 2020

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Sunday: 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst & 10.30am Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

Adoration: Wednesdays 8.30am to 9.30am & Saturday morning 11am to 12pm followed by reconciliation

Holy Days of Obligation: 9.30am & 8.00pm at Goudhurst, 11.00am at Hawkhurst

Anniversaries: Robert Holmes, Malcolm Joseph Butt, Tim Gower, Tom Faulkner, Margaret Body, Sue Ring, Margaret Banfield, Terence Burton, Sheila Boyce, and Anthony Richards. May they live in God's light forever.

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Bernadette Strange, Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Cynthia Raza, and Eileen Collett.

Pope's Prayer Intention for MARCH: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Second Collection LEpra - This Weekend

We welcome Abi Wells who is here to make an appeal on behalf of Lepra. Today approximately 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, 50 of whom will be children. Lepra continues to cure people of the disease and to support them and their families towards a healthy life free of disability and the fear of disfigurement. It costs approximately £25 to cure one person of leprosy. Lepra also helps people to set up their own small business by offering training and support through their socio-economic schemes. This allows them a secure future for themselves and their families. Thank you for your support.

Coronavirus - The latest instructions from the Diocese (subject to change at any time)

The sign of Peace is to be suspended at Mass, Holy Communion from the chalice shall cease to be offered to the lay faithful, Holy communion must be received on the hand only, Holy water stoups are not to be used, and they should be emptied. Additionally shared hymnbooks and Mass books should cease to be used. We have Mass sheets and hymn sheets next to the newsletters for everyone to use for the moment, please take one instead of the mass books. A decision will be made nearer the time as to whether on Good Friday, the traditional 'Veneration of the Cross' is to be observed by a simple genuflection. Thank you for your patience with this.

Second Collection CAFOD

Our parish raised a fantastic £421.66 for CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers throughout Lent.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on Fridays at 9.00am at the Sacred Heart before the 9.30am mass and Saturdays at 5.00pm at the Sacred Heart before the 5.30pm mass.

Adoration at the Sacred Heart Church

We have adoration every Wednesday morning at 8.30-9.30am and every Saturday morning at 11am-12pm. Come and spend some time in the peace and serenity of the church. "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth." St Teresa of Calcutta.

Lenten Course

Our Lenten course, using the Sycamore programme, is on Tuesdays at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church please come along if you can and bring a friend. Email Liz: dsrf.liz@gmail.com for more information.

Churches Together Lent Lunches

These are held at the Baptist Church in Hawkhurst 12pm to 1.30pm. Please see poster for all dates the proceeds will be split equally between Seaview Charity and Dunks Educational Charity Hawkhurst. All are Welcome.

Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The next half day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers in the Maidstone Deanery will be on **Saturday 25th April** at St Andrew's in Tenterden, TN30 6LL from **1-4pm**. It will be led by Mgr. Matthew Dickens who is Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Easter Lilies

There is a form at the back of the church for people to buy a lily in memory of a loved one at Easter.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

We currently have two job opportunities available. If you would like more information about either of them, please look on the Diocese's website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk or contact Sarah Wood. HR Manager: 0207 960 2500 (1) Marriage Tribunal Administrator – full time based in Tooting Bec, London SW17 (2) Safeguarding Office Administrator – based at the Cathedral site London SE1

Heart of Kenya

Damian Deeney is running in the Hastings half Marathon in aid of Heart of Kenya on the 29th March and would be grateful if you could sponsor him! He will be at the back of the church after each mass this weekend and will collect the money on the weekend of the 4th/5th April. Any donation you can give will be a huge help, thank you.

Parish Collections

Last Weekend

Total: £437.70

Gift Aided: £314.00

CAFOD: £421.66

Thank you for your support

Announcements

March 2nd Collections:

Today Lepra Appeal

Confirmation 2020

If you have a child who wishes to be confirmed, please fill out a form and return it to the parish office.

Thank you

****No weekday mass on Monday mornings****