



# Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

11 April 2021, Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

## Mass Times

Saturday 17:30, Goudhurst  
Sunday 08:30, Hawkhurst and 10:30, Goudhurst

Book as usual through [thechurchisopen@gmail.com](mailto:thechurchisopen@gmail.com)

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

## Anniversaries

Mary Rourke, Rose Margaret Poile, Donald Gagnor, Joan Forrest, Eleanor Ruth Cordeiro, Lois Hosking, Timothy Furlonge.

## Pray for the Sick

Bernadette Strange, Helen Fletcher, Cynthia Raza, Eileen Collett.

## Music at Mass

10:20 Prelude	Purge Me O Lord	Tallis Scholars
	Crux Fidelis	Monks and Choir of Downside
10.30 Mass	Opening Hymn	All People That on Earth Do Dwell
	Communion	Bind Us Together Lord
	Retiring	Loves Divine All Loves Excelling

## 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***

## Flowers in Church

Thank you for all your donations for the Easter flowers. To have flowers throughout the year we would be grateful for continuing donations. Without this the parishioners who arrange the flowers often have to pay themselves. If everyone could make an occasional small donation it would help. There is a flower collection box in each church. **Jean Shill**

## New Icon

You will see at the top of the newsletter that we have a different icon for this month, one that is more recent than usual. The icon is of Blessed Franz Jaggerstatter. Born in St Radegund, Austria in 1907, executed in 1943 at Brandenburg Prison for his conscientious objection to serving in Hitler's army. On 26 October 2007, Franz was Beatified in his home Diocese of Linz in Austria. Writing to his family from prison he said:

*" These few words are being set down here as they come from my mind and heart. And if I must write them with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains. Neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of the Faith and his free will. God gives so much strength that it is possible to bear any suffering, a strength far stronger than any might of the world. "*

## Little Boxes

This week most of you will have received next year's supply of Gift Aid envelopes, either a full box set, or if you give by standing order you will have received a smaller pack of envelopes for second and special collections. Gift Aid adds a significant amount to your giving so if you have not received a box check first that yours has not been left at the back of the Church for you to collect or contact the Presbytery for help. If you are new to the Parish or would like to change to standing order giving, again email or call us and we would be pleased to guide you through the simple process. **Tim Gallier**

## Clerical Vacancy

The following is a letter written this week to the Editor of The Times:  
Sir, You report that the Archbishop of York is advertising for a £90,000 chief of staff who will be his "chief companion, support and critical friend for developing and refining his vision". Traditionally among the clergy this role has been played by Jesus Christ, in prayer. **John Goldsmith**

## For our younger readers

If you were asked to describe or recognise the logo of McDonalds, Nike, Apple or TikTok I guess you would have no problem. Logos are symbols, easily recognisable, that convey information. One of my favourite logos is the one for a charity that helps families in need. Simple but clever. The Church too uses symbols that are easily recognised but yet can convey a strong message. Think of the cross, a dove, a fish or a candle. When you are in Church and look around what symbols do you see? What is your favourite symbol and why is it special to you, how does it reinforce your Faith, when you see the same symbol outside of Church does it make you stop and think about what it means to be a follower of Christ? Email and let us know - or get your parents to!

# Families

## Feast of Saint Bernadette

This coming Friday, the 16th of April is the feast day of Saint Bernadette. Born Bernadette Soubirous in 1844, the daughter of a miller from Lourdes in the Hauts-Pyrenees in France, and is best known for experiencing Marian apparitions of a young lady who asked for a chapel to be built at the nearby cave-grotto at Massabielle. These apparitions are said to have occurred between 11 February and 16 July 1858, and the woman who appeared to her identified herself as the "Immaculate Conception." After a canonical investigation, Soubirous's reports were eventually declared "worthy of belief" on 18 February, 1862, and the Marian apparition became known as Our Lady of Lourdes. Since her death, Soubirous's body has apparently remained internally incorrupt. The Marian shrine at Lourdes went on to become a major pilgrimage site, attracting over five million pilgrims of all denominations each year.

## Let us pray

God of eternal compassion, each Easter you rekindle the faith of your consecrated people. Give them still greater grace so that all may truly understand the waters in which they were cleansed, the Spirit by which they were reborn and the blood by which they were redeemed.

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