



Sacred Heart Goudhurst & Saint Barnabas Hawkhurst Parish Newsletter

6 June 2021, Corpus Christi, Year B

Mass Times

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

Book as usual through: thechurchisopen@gmail.com

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

Anniversaries

John Day, James Fraser, Gerard Woolf, Millie Sackett, Mrs E. Chenery, Victor Moore, Pearl Fitzgerald and Andree Norman-Taylor.

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.

New Icon

The icon for this month - see top left - is The Trinity, created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. It is his most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons.

The Trinity depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-8), but the painting is full of symbolism and is interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility.

Andrei Rublev was born in 1360 and died around 1430 at the Andronikov Monastery in Moscow. He was canonised as a Saint in June 1988 by the Russian Orthodox Church. [https:// catholic-link.org/andrei-rublev](https://catholic-link.org/andrei-rublev)

Some Definite Service

How could our parish benefit from Some Definite Service, what will be our response to Archbishop John's call to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese?' No parish is the same and we have a rich and diverse range across the diocese. We want to recognise all the good work that is already being undertaken and then reflect together to see the areas where growth is possible. For more information, please visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds

Full of Grace

As May was the month of Mary, the Bishops' Conference put a new recording of the Hail Mary in a different language every day on its website. You can now listen to all (or some) of the 31 versions. Enjoy! <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/full-of-grace/>

**Memo to
Government**

There will be many long lasting consequences of COVID, and we are now seeing some government action towards building back better. One current debate is on the funding required to meet the educational shortfall caused by the pandemic, and preventing a future lost generation. Whilst those of us who have completed our formal studies might prefer the emphasis to be on opening shops, restaurants and pubs, the real foundation of building back better rests with the investment in our citizens of the future.

"Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another. No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated". **Nelson Mandela**

**One Day in the
Life**

Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn who died in 2008 wrote about the horrors of the Soviet prison system in his most famous work - the Gulag Archipelago. Images of grey skies, snow, prison barracks and a harsh regime under the Soviet prison guards filled most readers with cold horror. As a Christian, Solzhenitsyn accepted as a matter of faith that humans were created in God's image, as the Scripture reveals, and derive their dignity from Him, as God's beloved. Christopher Hitchens in his eulogy to Solzhenitsyn said "Every now and then it happens. The state or the system encounters an individual who, bafflingly, maddeningly, absurdly, cannot be broken." From the depths of Gulags, strengthened by his beliefs and prayer, Solzhenitsyn wrote his own prayer as a gift to mankind.

How simple for me to live with You, O Lord
How easy for me to believe in You!
When my mind parts on bewilderment or falters,
when the most intelligent people see no further than this day's end
and do not know what must be done tomorrow,
You grant me the serene certitude that You exist
and that you will take care that not all the paths of good be closed.
Atop the ridge of earthly fame, I look back in wonder at the path
which I alone could never have found,
a wondrous path through despair to this point
from which I too could transmit to mankind a reflection of Your rays.
And as much as I must still reflect You will give me.

Let us Pray

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood through which we get strengthened body, soul and mind. We pledge that we will offer You our undivided love and also service to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will. We pray this in the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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