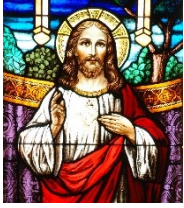




**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
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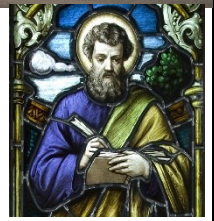
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY 5:30pm – 6:00pm
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am
SATURDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass



**THIRTIETH - SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
WEEK COMMENCING**

TODAY'S READINGS

Sunday 29th October 2023

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:2-4, 47,51 Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia If a man loves me, he will keep my words, says the Lord; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday 28th 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – INDUCTION of Father Ethelbert Ukpabi Mass Intention – 18 th Birthday of David Obike
Sunday 29th	SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Sunday 29th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass – Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 29th 10:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for the success of the Induction
Monday 30th	FATHER'S DAY OFF
Tuesday 31st 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Feria Holy Mass – End of October Devotion
Wednesday 1st Nov. 9:30am and 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst Wednesday 1st 11.00am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass - ALL SAINTS, Holyday of Obligation Holy Mass - ALL SAINTS, Holyday of Obligation
Thursday 2nd 9:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – ALL SOULS DAY Holy Mass – ALL SOULS DAY
Friday 3rd 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Feria Holy Mass – Susan and Paul Demuth RIP
Saturday 4th 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Sunday 5th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst 10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Holy Mass –

REFLECTION

30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR-A

In today's gospel Jesus was asked "which is the great commandment of the law." Jesus summarised all the commandments and laws to just two, love of God and love of fellow human beings. In fact, to just one-**LOVE**. Why? Because God is love (1Jn 4: 8) St Paul confirmed this in 1Cor 13: 13 when he said, 'there are three things that last - faith, hope, and love-and the greatest of these is love.'

God who created us is Love. We were created in love and sustained by love. We were redeemed and given new life in Love. Jn 3: 16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus the son of God came down to earth to show us in his person and teach the reality of God's love. Love is at the heart of Jesus' life and teaching. Jn 15: 13 tells us, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Jesus loved us to the end. By this he taught us and showed us how to love.

He gave us a new commandment, Love one another as I have loved you. (Jn 13: 34-35) How has Jesus loved us? He loved us truly, completely and sacrificially. There is pain in true love. True love has a price. Jesus paid the price on the cross. That is why the crucifixion is the greatest manifestation of love; it is an eloquent testimony of God's love for humanity.

Jesus has taught and shown us how to love. Our deeds and relationships must be rooted not in the love of the world, which is selfish, but in the love of Jesus which is selfless and sacrificial. St Paul says in 2Cor 15: 14, "The love of Jesus compels us", for no matter what good deed I do, if it is devoid of love, it is empty. (91Cor 13: 1ff)

We must not allow the evil and wickedness in the world today to make us forget that the love of Jesus is sown in our hearts. Let us nurture it every day like the Blessed Virgin Mary did, like the apostles did, like the saints did. Like mother Teresa did. When asked why she cared so much and sacrificed so much for the poor, she said, 'I do it for love; for love of Jesus.' For 'Love is the answer.'

To love, to be ruled by the love of Jesus, is to have kept all the commandments. God bless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **A big thank you to all who came to the Induction of Father Ethelbert on Saturday and a special thank you for those in the background who helped to make this a very memorable day.**
2. **During the month of November for Holy Souls a purple box will be placed on the Sanctuary. Please place in the box the names of your deceased family members, parishioners and friends with offerings. All Masses said in the month of November will be for the names in the box.**
3. **Is there anyone who is struggling to pay their heating bills at the moment? An parishioner person has come forward to offer some help. Please call Father on the Parish telephone number. Your name will be protected. We all need help at some point in our lives.**
4. **If any parishioner would like to use a card for Offertory, either 1st or 2nd collection, we now have a very good card machine at the back of the church in Goudhurst. It is very easy to use and there are a few easy instructions beside it. Please feel free to use it either on your way in or out of church.**
5. **The Parish Office is in need of a knee-hole table they don't want? Size plus/minus 100cms x 60cms. Please call the Parish office**
6. **Please will you inform Father Ethelbert of any parishioners who are sick and would like a visit, and if they would like their names to appear in our Newsletter for our prayers.**
7. **We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for the Intentions of the faithfully departed or any specific intention.**



**Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family,
Adrian Franke**

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Richard Unterberger, Andrew Hendrick, Elmore Roberts, Gwennie Greenwood, Violet May Dee, William Connolly, Robin Manwaring, Dorothy Billson, Ian Gray, Dr Dermot Healy, Sara Fernandez, Jeff Sharp, May O'Grady.

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