



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**

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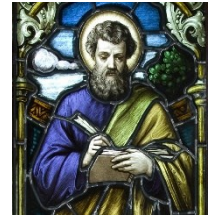
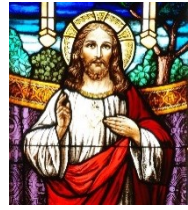
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 10:30am – 2:00pm

Parish Closed every Monday

Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17th March 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-15	Response: A pure heart create for me, O God
Second Reading:	Hebrews 5: 7-9	
Gospel Acclamation:	John 12: 26	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Gospel:	John 12: 20-30	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Saturday 16th 5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - 2 nd Collection for Poor Parishes	Fifi's Family
Sunday 17th 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass - 2 nd Collection for Poor Parishes	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 17th 10:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - 2 nd Collection for Poor Parishes	

Monday 18th

FATHER'S DAY OFF

Tuesday 19th 6.00pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – (Solemnity) Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tony Baker RIP
Wednesday 20th 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass –Feria	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention
Thurs 21st			
Friday 22nd 9.00am 9:30am 10.00am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross Holy Mass - Feria	
Saturday 23rd 12.00 noon 12.30pm 1.15pm 1.45pm 2.15pm 5.30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	<u>Parish Lenten Retreat 2024</u> <u>Preacher Fr Raf'at Behruz</u> Theme:Phillipians 2:1-11 Welcome and Conference Adoration/Confession/Private Prayers AdorationPrayers for the Parish Holy Mass Refreshment at Presbytery	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention
	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – HOLY WEEK	

REFLECTION

Reflection for 5th Sunday of Lent (B) COVERING OF CRUCIFIXES AND STATUES WITH A VEIL IN LENT.

For centuries, the Catholic church has had the custom of covering crucifixes and statues with a veil during Lent. Though the duration of the veiling varies from place to place, the practice in modern times is to cover the crucifix before the first vespers (Divine Office-evening prayer) or the vigil Mass of the fifth Sunday of Lent until after Good Friday ceremonies. The statues remain veiled until shortly before the Mass of Easter vigil on Holy Saturday evening. In some places images and statues are removed from the church. However, holy pictures, stations of the cross and stained glasses are not veiled. (The bishops' conference decides on veiling during lent and for how long.) The practice of veiling the crucifix and images during Lent began in Germany about the ninth century. At that time, a large cloth closed off the altar from the beginning of lent. The cloth called 'Hungertuch,' (hunger cloth), hid the entire altar from the faithful from the beginning of lent until the reading of the passion narrative on Wednesday of Holy Week at the words, "the veil of the temple was rent in two." It was about the 17th century that the veiling of the crucifix and statues was moved to the 5th Sunday of Lent.

Varied reasons have been adduced for this practice. Some say it started at a time when many of the faithful were illiterate, so it was a practical way of announcing the beginning of lent. It was also a way of preparing their minds for the big celebration of Easter. The altar or "Holy of Holies" was removed from the view of the faithful to evoke meditation because of our estrangement from God caused by our sins; until we are reconciled to God at Easter. Veiling during the last two weeks of lent helps us to prepare spiritually for the Paschal festivities.

This practice of veiling the crucifix and the images can also be done in our homes (domestic Church), to remind us of the approaching Passion and resurrection of Christ.

Primarily, when the images are unveiled before Easter vigil, it is to remind us of life on earth. We live in this world with our eyes veiled from the real world, (Heaven). According to St Paul, "For now we see in a mirror dimly..." (1Cor 13: 12) It is death that will lift the veil from our eyes, and then "we shall see him as he is." (1Jn 3: 2) We shall see the beauty of life and the majesty and awesomeness of God. And then we shall say with St Peter, "It is wonderful for us to be here..." (Mt 17: 4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2024 PROGRAMME

Tuesday 26th March	09.30am 10.00am	Stations of the Cross Mass No Evening Mass	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
Wednesday 27th March		No Mass	
Maundy Thursday 28th	6.00pm Followed by	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration for one hour	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
Good Friday 29th March	10.45am 11.30am Followed by 3.00pm 3.10pm	Stations of the Cross Walk of Witness Last Lent Lunch Divine Mercy Novena The Passion of our Lord	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Baptist Church, Hawkhurst Sacred Heart, Goudhurst Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
Holy Saturday 30th March	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
Easter Sunday 31st March	08.30am 10.30pm	Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
Easter Saturday 6th April	Midday 05.30pm	Wedding Alex and Shalom Mass	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
1st Sunday of Easter, 7th April	08.30am 10.30am 2.50pm 3.00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Mass Divine Mercy Sunday Mass Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy 3 o'clock Prayers Benediction Conclusion	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

Goudhurst Church parking – please be very careful where you park as the ground is extremely muddy and very difficult to negotiate!



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family, Maria West

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Robert Homes, Malcolm Joseph Butt, Tim Gower, Tom Faulkner, Margaret Body, Sue Ring, Margaret Banfield, Terence Burton, Sheila Boyce, Anthony Richards.

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