



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

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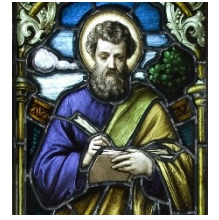
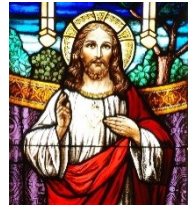
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Parish Secretary: Lizzi Payne

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

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)
WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 31st March 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:	Acts 10:34, 37-43	
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
Second Reading:	Colossians 3:1-4	
Gospel Acclamation:		Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia
Gospel:	John 20:1-9	

Saturday 30th 6.00pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Wishing all Parishioners of Sacred Heart Goudhurst and St Barnabas Hawkhurst a Grace-filled Easter. Thank you for all you do for the Parish. Fr Ethelbert			
Sunday 31st 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Yetunde Ogunseye, Healing Solemnity	
Sunday 31st 10:30am		Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Elizabeth Dutton RIP Solemnity	

Monday 1st April	FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)		<p>Regina Caeli (Easter Prayer) (In place of Angelus during Easter) QUEEN OF HEAVEN</p> <p>Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia, The son whom you merited to bear, alleluia Has risen, as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.</p> <p>V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia, R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.</p> <p>Let us pray.</p> <p>O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joy of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord, Amen</p>	
Tuesday 2nd	Easter Tuesday - Solemnity			
Wednesday 3rd 9:30am	Easter Wednesday - Solemnity			
Thursday 4th	Easter Thursday - Solemnity			
Friday 5th	Easter Friday - Solemnity			
Saturday 6th 11.00am	St Barnabas Hawkhurst	Wedding, Alex and Shalom		
05.30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday End of Divine Mercy Novena Divine Mercy Sunday		

REFLECTION

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What is Easter? Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We heard on Good Friday how Jesus was brutally crucified on the cross for us all. Jesus, God died on the cross. He offered his life to save us from death. Jesus had to die to confront death. He battled with death. There was a contest. He defeated death and after three days rose triumphant from the tomb. Easter is the fulfilment of the age-old promise to send a saviour who would free us from the shackles of sin and death. Easter is the celebration of new life in Christ.

Before Good Friday Jesus was the life and hope of the disciples. But on Good Friday, with the arrest and death of Jesus, their lives were shattered, and their hope dashed. You could say that on Good Friday the dreams, aspirations, hopes, and lives of the disciples died on the cross with Jesus. With the setting of the sun on Good Friday, they too were buried in the tomb with Jesus. It was all over, or rather, so they thought.

Then suddenly, as the sun rose on Easter Sunday, the first day of the week, Jesus rose with it. He appeared to the disciples, victorious, radiant, glorious, and more present to them than ever before.

Seeing Jesus alive again, they too came back to life. They were filled with joy beyond measure. The presence of the risen Jesus and the power of the resurrection gave them life and new strength. The power of the resurrection put new spirit and energy in them and changed them. It transformed them from a group of fearful, hopeless, faithless, weak men into an army of daring, courageous, and fearless missionaries. And at the command of Jesus, armed with the power of the resurrection they set out to carry the good news of Easter to the ends of the earth.

The power of the resurrection began to make beautiful, wonderful things to happen in people's lives. Despair gave way to hope, sorrow to joy, doubt to faith, hatred to love, darkness to light, death to life.

Easter is new life, new hope, it's a new beginning. Easter is a group of fearful, hopeless, and defeated disciples transformed by the power of the resurrection into a daring army for Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

Easter is a world in darkness and under the shackles of the devil, rescued by the power of the resurrection; throwing off the cloak of fear and hopelessness to walk in the joy and courage and hope of the light of the risen Jesus.

Easter is the good news that armed with the power of the resurrection, our faith is strengthened, our hope is renewed, our love is deepened. Nothing can defeat us again-not pain, not any failure, or weakness, not disappointment, not even death. We are alive in Christ. Happy Easter.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2024 PROGRAMME

Masses marked ** will be livestreamed.

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	11.00am 05.30pm	Wedding Alex and Shalom Mass**	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
2nd Sunday of Easter, 7th April, Divine Mercy Sunday	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/Chaplet Benediction Conclusion	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Sacred Heart, Goudhurst



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 Marie Pilcher, Cyril Herbert Dee, Reggie Alexander, Pat Young, Thomas Brongor, Ivy King, Bill Turner, Barbara Johnson, Kathleen Mary Steddy, P J Smyth, Tom Sibree

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