



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

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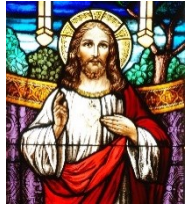
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Parish Closed every Monday

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28th April 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32 Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 27th April 5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Sunday 28th 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass 2 nd Collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral	Jadwiga Mantyk RIP Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Sunday 28th 10:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass 2 nd Collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral	Missa Pro Populo

Monday 29th

FATHER'S DAY OFF

Tuesday 30th 6.00pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Wednesday 1st May 9.00am 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The start of May Devotions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass –Feria	Bimbo Odumosu, Healing Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Thurs 2nd		No Mass	
Friday 3rd 9.00am 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saints Philip and James , Apostles, Feast Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 4th 5.30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
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REFLECTION Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 2024

In the gospel reading of today from John 15: 1-8 Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the vine, and my Father is the vinedresser...I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him. He it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." We cannot bear fruit unless we are in Jesus. To bear fruit means to be ruled by the love of God in us and to radiate that love. It means to reflect what St Paul said about love in 1Cor 13: 1-13.

One who is rooted in Jesus bears fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There are three main ways of abiding in Jesus:

1. Gathering in his name. When we gather in the name of Jesus, we abide in him. He said to us in Matthew 18: 20, "Where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them."
2. Listening to his word. Whenever we read the bible or listen to the words of Scripture, we are immersed into the person of Jesus who is the word of God. (Jn 1: 1) Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever listens to you listens to me." (Lk 10: 16)
3. Sharing his body and blood. (The Eucharist) When we partake of the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we commune with him. He enters us and becomes part of us. He told us in Jn 6: 56, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him."

The two disciples who encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus recognised him only at the breaking of bread. (Lk 24: 30-31) After the resurrection, Jesus began to relate with people through the Church. When Paul encountered him on the way to Damascus, Jesus said to him, "Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" Paul asked, 'who are you, Lord?' Jesus replied, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'" (Acts 9: 3-5)

Saul never met Jesus. But he persecuted the followers of Christ, the Church. This experience led Paul to develop the theology of the Church as the body of Christ. He wrote "Jesus is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life." (Col 1: 18)

The church is not the building, the church is the gathering of the people of God. "The church is not a place where people gather to pray. The church is the people who gather to pray." Therefore, if you seek the risen Jesus, you will find him in the gathered people of God. That is why the church is the "light of the world", (Matthew 5: 14-16) because it radiates the light of the risen Jesus; the light of love, of peace, of communion, of faithfulness, of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to the gardening party at the Presbytery on Saturday, it is always fun!
2. There will be a **Second collection** on Sunday **28th April** for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.
3. May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, therefore May Devotions begin on Wednesday **1st of May**. Please remember to pray your Rosary every day.
4. Thursday **9th May, Solemnity of the Ascension** of the Lord, Mass at 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst
5. Grateful thanks to Teresa Dobing for offering to organise our stall at the **Goudhurst Fete on 8th June**. However, she will need your help, support and contributions. Please contact her on teresadobing@btinternet.com or mobile: 07941822758 as soon as possible if you are able to help in any way. Very many thanks.
6. We are looking for a small automatic car for Father Ethelbert. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.
7. The Ride and Stride last year raised an incredible **£140,018.86** for Friends of Kent Churches. Well done to all those who took part. This year's event will be on 14 September 2024.
8. The Shrine of Our Lady of Hartley 2024 Pilgrimage From noon, on Saturday 4 May ► Refreshments available from 11.30 am. Join this celebration of prayers, hymns and reflections from the beautiful church of Saint Francis de Sales (formed from a 500- year-old thatched barn), home to the Marian Shrine. Our time includes hymns and prayers to Our Lady and ends with a period of Eucharistic Adoration prior to the parish Vigil Mass, which starts at 5.30 pm. Address: Church Road, Hartley, Kent DA3 8DW (on corner with Stack Lane). Nearest station: Longfield, on line from Victoria to the Medway Towns and Dover, 1 mile distant.-
9. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.
10. 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.



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 **Rowland Firth, Joe O'Grady, Jo Chenery, Delia Pemble, Mrs Norman, Patrick Coyne, Denis Eccles, Bernard Myles, Trudy Bradford, Mary Mooney, Ralph Ryan, Violet Ames, Thomas Robertson, Rose Myles, Nina Pearce, Leslie Strange, Margaret Strange, Amanda Tiernan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace.**

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