



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

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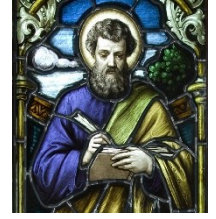


**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass**



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May 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)**

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> 5:30pm	<b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30am	<b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30am	<b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Edel Dillon RIP Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**FATHER'S DAY OFF**

<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm	<b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass – Feria	Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am 9:30am	<b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass –Feria	Bimbo Odumosu, Healing Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Barnabas Hawkhurst</b>	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Holyday of Obligation Holy Mass	For Peace in our World
<b>6.30pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Goudhurst</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass	Adrian Ukpabi
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am 9:30am	<b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass - Feria	Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Assumption Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation.**

**GOUDHURST Fete on 8<sup>th</sup> June 12.00 to 16.00**

**Please attend Mass.**

## REFLECTION Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) 2024

We are gradually approaching the end of the season of Easter. Thursday this week, we shall celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven. Then on Pentecost Sunday (May 19) we shall celebrate the fulfilment of the promise of Jesus to his disciples, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, the birthday of the Church. In the gospel of today Jesus talked to his disciples about love. He told them that he loved them as the Father loved him and asked them to remain in his love. Having received his love, he commanded them to "love one another." (Jn 15: 17)

What is love? St John answers the question in 1John 4: 8, "God is love." He went on, "All who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." St Paul tells us in 1Cor 13: 13, "There are three things that last, faith, hope, and love; but the greatest is love." Albert Einstein in a letter to his daughter said, "Love is power, because it multiplies the best we have, and allows humanity not to be extinguished in their blind selfishness." Mahatma Gandhi said, "Love is the strongest force the world possesses, yet it is the humblest imaginable." Martin Luther King Jr said, "Love is the most powerful force in the universe." Mother Teresa said, "True love is love that causes us pain, that hurts, and yet brings us joy." Pope John Paul 11 said, "Love causes man to find fulfilment through the sincere gift of self." Pope Francis said, "God is love. Only through loving can we reach love." Pope Benedict said of love, "What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him." Shortly before he died, Pope Benedict XV1 uttered his last words in Italian. He said, "Lord, I love you!"

Jesus told us in the gospel, "This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you." How has Jesus loved us? He has loved us, completely, truly, selflessly, and sacrificially. It is love that makes us children of God. It is love that distinguishes us from those who do not know Jesus. It is love that propels us to reach out and lift us. As St Paul says in 2Cor 5: 14, "For the love of Christ urges us on.

"Yes, love is the most powerful force in the universe. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it," (Song of Solomon 8: 7) because love is God.

As Christians, disciples of Jesus, we must practice love; live in love, and show love. "Love is patient and kind. Love is not boastful or arrogant. Love does not fail." (1Cor 13: 1ff). Love one another!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, therefore May Devotions begin on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of **May**. Please remember to pray your Rosary every day.
2. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Holyday of Obligation**
  - 9.30am Mass at St Barnabas Church, **Hawkhurst**
  - 6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, **Goudhurst**
3. **FUNDRAISING STALL AT GOUDHURST FETE SATURDAY 8TH JUNE** We have a cake and produce stall at the Fete and really need plenty of cakes, biscuits, bread, jams, chutney, flowers, plants or any homemade/ grown produce. If you are unable to donate then please come along and support our stall, it's a lovely afternoon out. Further details: [teresadobing@btinternet.com](mailto:teresadobing@btinternet.com) or call me on 07941 822758. Thank you for the offers of help.
4. We offer our grateful thanks to the parishioner who kindly donated a laptop computer to the Parish Office.
5. We are delighted to announce that Sacred Heart Church Goudhurst will resume serving teas/coffees after 10.30am Mass on the first Sunday of every month starting 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Volunteers please contact Helen McKenna. St Barnabas will continue to serve teas/coffees on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday as usual.
6. From CAFOD, "Thank you to all parishioners at Sacred Heart Parish for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £494.00. James the fisherman now has, a compass, lifejacket and a GPS."
7. We are looking for a small automatic car for Father Ethelbert. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.
8. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.
9. 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,

### ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of **Trudy Bradford, Mary Mooney, Ralph Ryan, Violet Ames, Thomas Robertson, Rose Myles, Nina Pearce, Leslie Strange, Margaret Strange, Amanda Tiernan, Hugh Shoulin, Marie Osbourne, Anne Woodger, John Day, Major Joseph Thorpe, Maureen (Molly) Guinness, John Smith and Peggy Furlonge. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace.**

### ONLINE DONATIONS

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