



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

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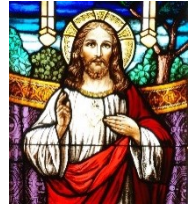
Priest in Charge : Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi

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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12th May 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 **Response:** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading: John 4:11-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:11-19

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 11th May 5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass World Communications Sunday 2 nd Collection	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Sunday 12th 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass World Communications Sunday 2 nd Collection	Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Sunday 12th 10:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass World Communications Sunday 2 nd Collection	Missa Pro Populo

Monday 13th

FATHER'S DAY OFF

Tuesday 14th 6.00pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Saint Matthias, Apostle, Feast	Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Wednesday 15th 9.00am 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint John Stone, Priest and Martyr, Memorial Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass –	Bimbo Odumosu, Healing Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Thurs 16th		No Mass	
Friday 17th 9.00am 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass - Feria	Thakerar Family, Thanksgiving and wellbeing Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost. It is the birthday of the Church and the end of the Season of Easter.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit abide in our Church and the hearts and homes of all.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful.

REFLECTION Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) 2024 (Ascension of the Lord)

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus, having completed his work on earth, returned to heaven. The ascension of Jesus is a celebration of joy and hope. Joy that the Lord is alive. Hope that where he our head has gone, we his body (Col 1: 18-20) shall follow.

According to Fr Mark Link, an ancient legend says, "when Jesus got to heaven, his body still had the marks of the crucifixion. His hands and feet had the marks of the nails. His back bore the stripes from the whip, and his head had the marks of the crown of thorns.

When the people in heaven saw these marks, they imagined how much he must have suffered. Then angel Gabriel asked Jesus: 'Lord, do all the people on earth know and appreciate how much you suffered for them and love them?' Jesus replied: "Oh, no! Only a handful of people in Palestine know that. The rest have not even heard of me. They do not know how much I suffered, and how much I love them.

Angel Gabriel was shocked to hear this, and he asked Jesus: So, how will the people on earth ever learn about your great suffering and your love? Jesus replied, "Just before I left, I told Peter, James, and John, and a few of their friends, to tell the rest of the world about me. They will tell as many people as they can. Those people, in turn, will tell other people. In that way, the entire world will eventually learn about my love for them.

Angel Gabriel was more confused. He knew how fickle human beings can be, how forgetful, and how unreliable. So, he said to Jesus, "But, Lord, what if Peter, James, and John and their friends grow tired or frustrated? What if they forget about you? What if they begin to have doubts or fall to pressure? What if the people they tell get frustrated or forget or abandon the task? Is there no plan B, just in case? Jesus answered: I have no plan B. This is the only plan I have, relying on Peter, James and John and their friends, and the people they tell not to let me down."

Over twenty centuries later, Jesus still has no plan B. He counted on Peter, James and John and they did not let him down. He counted on the people they told, and they did not let him down. And now Jesus counts on us, you and me, not to let him down.

The feast of the Ascension can be compared to a relay race where the baton passes from one runner to another. On this day over 2000 years ago, Jesus passed the baton of the Christian faith to Peter, James, and John. They, in turn, passed it on to the people who came after them. And now it is our turn to pass it on to those coming after us. Let us not allow the light of our Christian faith to die in our time. The race should not end with us. Jesus is counting on us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all." (Mk 16: 15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Please remember to pray your Rosary every day.
2. Please continue to help Teresa Dobing by offering to help her run the stall at the **Goudhurst Fete on 8th June**. She will also need your contributions for the stall. Please let her know how you can help by contacting her on teresadobing@btinternet.com or mobile: 07941822758. Very many thanks.
3. The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria
4. We are looking for a small automatic car for Father Ethelbert. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.
5. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.
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.



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

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls **Hugh Shoulin, Marie Osbourne, Anne Woodger, John Day, Major Joseph Thorpe, Maureen (Molly) Guinness, John Smith, Peggy Furlonge, Bridget Codd, Hugh Butt, James Frazer, Brian Young, Eric Brooks, Florence Crouch, Jim Allen, Norman Bennett, Jessie Butterworth, James Grier.** *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace.*

ONLINE DONATIONS

BANK DETAILS

NatWest Bank: RCAS Sacred Heart Goudhurst, Sort Code: 60 06 18, Account No: 59004576

Gift Aiders please add your envelope number and name as a reference

Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2024

Applications are invited from young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2024 Deanery Confirmation programme, who live in the parishes of Maidstone Deanery (St Francis', Maidstone/ St Peter's, Bearsted/ Holy Family, Park Wood, /St Thomas More, West Malling/ St Theodore's Cranbrook/ St Andrew's, Tenterden / Sacred Heart, Goudhurst).

The programme will run on mainly Sunday evenings at St Francis' Church, Maidstone, beginning in June, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Saturday 19th October, 3pm.** (Venue TBC)

Applicants must be Catholics, who have made their First Holy Communion.

Applications must come from the candidate themselves.

Applicants will commit to attending all of the sessions.

Applicants must also be willing to participate fully in all aspects of the programme.

To request an application form, which also gives details of dates and times of sessions, please email: confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **Monday 3rd JUNE**

Any other questions can be raised either through this dedicated confirmation mailbox, or by contacting Deacon Ian.