



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
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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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading, Ezekiel 17:2-24

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16 Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father, Alleluia

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

Saturday 15th June
5.30pm

Holy Mass - 2nd Collection, Day for Life

Emamoke Oguowewo
Special Intention

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sunday 16th
08.30am

Holy Mass - 2nd Collection, Day for Life

Malcolm Mason RIP

Sunday 16th
10.30am

Holy Mass - 2nd Collection, Day for Life

Missa Pro Populo

Monday 17th

Father Ethelbert on Retreat

Tuesday 18th
6.00pm

No Mass

Wednesday 19th
9.30am

No Mass

Saint John Rigby, Martyr, Memorial,

Thursday 20th
09.30am

No Mass

Saint Alban, Martyr, Protomartyr of Britain, Memorial

Friday 21st
09.30am

No Mass

Saturday 22nd
5.30pm

Holy Mass -

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

REFLECTION, ELEVENTH SUNDAY (B)

In the gospel passage of today Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a seed sown in the ground, which after a while, sprouts and grows into a big tree. Jesus came into the world to inaugurate the kingdom of God. He came to sow the seed of the word of God in the hearts of all people; (Mt 13: 3-23) and to the extent that we nurture the seed, and give it attention, it grows into a big tree or produces rich harvest; albeit slowly. Just as the little seed grows in the ground mysteriously without the Sower knowing how, so too the word planted in the hearts of people grows slowly but surely without the people knowing it. The three parables of the seed in the gospel give us an idea of how the kingdom of God grows in us.

The first parable tells us that the seed of the kingdom can grow only in hearts open to it. The second parable tells us that the seed of the kingdom grows in our hearts without our knowing how it does, and thirdly, that seed will surely grow into something wonderful and beautiful.

A man called Joel Weldon compared the slow and mysterious growth of the seed of the kingdom to the Chinese bamboo tree. When planted it lies in the ground without sprouting for five years. These five long years the farmer must water and tend the seed regularly. Then after five years the seed begins to emerge from the ground and grows to a phenomenal height of ninety feet in just six weeks.

The lesson we learn from all this is that we must learn to trust God who in love planted the seed of his kingdom in our hearts. By planting the seed, God is inviting us to be with him. God is love. He created us in love and redeemed us in mercy. Mercy is love in action. It is God's love reaching out to us to save us.

Secondly, we have to learn not only to trust God, but also to be patient. We should not be discouraged by the 'delay' in the manifestation of the kingdom of God. It may be late in coming, but it will surely come. Just as the Chinese farmer patiently cultivates the seed for five long years, so we too should patiently and lovingly nurture the seed of the kingdom of God that has been sown in our hearts.

We look at our world today, after over two thousand years of the coming of Jesus Christ, of the planting the seed of love in our world and hearts, there is still so much hate, violence, many wars, and killings, so much evil.

In the face of these evils, let us not get discouraged. Our task meanwhile is to pray and nurture the seed of the word in us, trustfully, patiently, and joyfully, and in God's time it will produce something both wonderful and beautiful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our stall at the Goudhurst Fete raised £400. Thank you to everyone who helped.
2. As Father is away on retreat this week, if you urgently need to contact him, please send an email to the Parish office email address above and we will get back to you.
3. 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.
4. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.

Please continue to keep the sick of our Parish family in your daily prayers, Catherine Nixon

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Marie Dowling, Ann Hawker, Claud Hosting, Brian Hughes, Marie Louise Chamberlain, Joseph Cooney. *Eternal rest grand unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

ONLINE DONATIONS

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