

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

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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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL WEEK COMMENCING 30th June 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34 Response: The Angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Second reading: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the

netherworld shall not prevail against it. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

| Saturday 29th June 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Holy Mass - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity. 2nd collection for Peter's Pence | Emamoke Oguowewo Special Intention |
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| | SAINTS PETER AND PAUL | |
| Sunday 30th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst | Holy Mass - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity. 2nd collection for Peter's Pence | Pauline Anokwuru- Special intention |
| Sunday 30th 10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Holy Mass - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity. 2nd collection for Peter's Pence | Missa Pro Populo |
| Monday 1st July | Father's Day Off. | |
| Tuesday 2nd 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Holy Mass - Feria | |
| Wednesday 3rd 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Holy Mass - Saint Thomas, Apostle, Feast | Chinasa Ukpabi- Special intention |
| Thursday 4th | Saint Elizabeth of Portugal | |
| Friday 5th 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Holy Mass - Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest. | Mr Bekas RIP |
| Saturday 6th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Holy Mass - | Emamoke Oguowewo Special Intention |
| Sunday 7th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst | Fourteenth Sunday Holy Mass | Ugochi Ukpabi - Thanks- giving for Graduation |
| 10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Holy Mass | Missa Pro Populo |

REFLECTION, SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The church celebrates the solemnity of the two greatest Apostles, Peter, and Paul. Two different characters brought and held together by faith in and love for their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Once they encountered Jesus, they never remained the same; once they put their hands on the plough, they never looked back. (Lk 9: 62) From the moment they gave their lives to Christ, they gave everything.

Simon Peter, son of Jonah was born at Bethsaida. He had a family and lived at Capernaum. With his brother Andrew, he worked as a fisherman. A job he did until he was called by Jesus to be his apostle. Jesus changed his name from Simon to 'Kepha' an Aramaic word which means 'rock'; the Latin of which is 'Petrus'. After Peter publicly proclaimed faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the son of the Living God." Jesus said to him, "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatever you lose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mtt 16: 18-19)

He was one of the few in the bible privileged to have the Lord Jesus visit their home. (Mtt 8: 14) He was one of the first to whom the Lord appeared after the resurrection. He presided at the election of Matthias, preached the first public sermon at Pentecost, addressed the Sanhedrin, spoke the decisive word at the first council of Jerusalem, and performed the first public miracle after the Ascension of Jesus. He was killed in Rome by being crucified head down on the Vatican Hill in 67 AD.

Paul of Tarsus was a fierce persecutor of the church at the beginning. He was present and approved the stoning of Stephen to death, and it was at his feet that the killers laid down their garments. (Acts 7: 58) It was on his way to Damascus to arrest Christians that he had his dramatic conversion. (Acts 9: 3)

After his conversion to Christianity Paul never looked back. Next to St Joh the Evangelist, he is arguably the greatest religious genius that Christianity ever produced. He travelled more than any other apostle to different parts of the then known world, preaching the gospel. His missionary zeal was unrivalled. The 14 apostolic letters he wrote to the different churches he founded, have remained valuable sources of faith and strength for believers.

St Paul loved the Lord Jesus and had a close and personal relationship with him. Everything he did and said was to glorify the name of Jesus. He said in Philipp 1: 21, "For me to live is Christ..." God also granted him extraordinary mystical experiences. He was arrested during the persecution of Emperor Nero and beheaded outside the city of Rome in the year 67 AD. These two servants of Jesus and the gospel gave their lives for Jesus and his church. They stand out as examples of true disciples. They both left family and work to preach the gospel of Jesus. They lived for Jesus and died for him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Invitation to the Induction Mass of Father Patrice Anyanwu C,S.S.p on Thursday 11th July 2024 at St Joseph Catholic Church Greenwich East, SE10 0EA at 7.00pm.
- Second Collection Peter's Pence. The following webpage has a very interesting history of Peter's Pence: CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Peterspence (new <u>advent.org</u>) and for its present operation see https: <u>www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/</u>
- 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 John Ranger, Brian Doherty, Lily Doherty, Grace Smith, Robert Wonters, Ita Burton, Jane Nutt, Mark Barron, Bryan James Samuels, Mary Riordan, Paul Dyer, Nicholas Morland and Frank Douglas. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.

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