



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**



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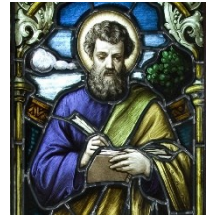


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY 5:30pm – 6:00pm
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am
SATURDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (B)
WEEK COMMENCING 21st July 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22 Response, The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Saturday 20th July 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention.
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (B)		
Sunday 21st 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 21st 10:30am ** <i>Livestreamed</i> Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	
Monday 22nd	Saint Mary Magdalene, Feast	FATHER'S DAY OFF
Tuesday 23rd 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – St Bridget, Religious	
Wednesday 24th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	Damian Potter RIP
Thursday 25th No Mass St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Saint James, Apostle, Feast	
Friday 26th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial.	
Saturday 27th 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Holy Mass Special Blessing for Grandparents and the Elderly after Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention.
Sunday 28th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B) World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Holy Mass Special Blessing for Grandparents and the Elderly after Mass	Nigel Payne RIP
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10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass Special Blessing for Grandparents and the Elderly after Mass	

REFLECTION for Sixteenth Sunday (B)

In the first reading of today Jeremiah condemned the political class of his time for abandoning the sheep entrusted to their care. Instead of leading them to green pasture, they led them to ruin and destruction. He promised the people that God would in time send a leader, a wise and upright one from the house of David, who would never abandon the flock of God. The gospel passage presents Jesus as that long-awaited leader. St Paul in the second reading tells us that the flock of God is not only Jews, but people from all the races of humanity. Jesus came to gather all the children of God without any distinction of race, colour, or language. (Rev 7: 9-12; Gal 3: 28)

Jesus the promised leader is not like the shepherds of old who abandoned and destroyed and scattered the sheep. No! He is the caring and loving shepherd who is compassionate and kind. He would give up his rest to take care of the flock of God. He would eventually give his life that the sheep may have life, life in abundance. (Jn 10: 10)

All of us in diverse ways are leaders and shepherds. The father and mother are shepherds in the home. The teacher is a shepherd in the school. The doctors and nurses are shepherds in the hospital. Priests are shepherds in the parish.

But there are times, in spite of our good efforts, we feel the heavy burden of the responsibility of leadership. There are times in life we feel so stretched that we want to give up.

When those times come, let us remember that we are not alone, that we are not the only ones feeling that way. Jesus too felt that way. In the garden of Gethsemane, feeling the crushing weight of the responsibility of leadership, he cried out, "My father if it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me!" (Mt 26: 39)

When we feel the burden of leadership or life crushing us, we must not give up. We should do what Jesus did. Fall on our knees and pray. After Jesus prayed, "An angel came from heaven and strengthened him." (Lk 22: 43) If we too in such moments turn to God in prayer, he will strengthen us, just as he strengthened Jesus. Yes, we are shepherds, but always recognise that God in Jesus is our shepherd. If we accept Jesus as our shepherd and trust in him and call to him, he will be there for us. If we are with Jesus, we shall not lack. Yes, you shall not want. Even if you walk in the valley of darkness, among foes, you will not be afraid. Even if you are crushed by heavy burdens, you will not falter, because the Lord will walk beside you to steady you and strengthen you. And when the day comes for life to fade like the fading sunset, the Lord himself will escort you into paradise like he did the thief on the cross (Lk 23: 42-43), to live with him forever and ever. Amen. (cf Ps 23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 28th July. Pope Francis has chosen to theme this year, 'Do not cast me off in my old age' (c.f. Ps 71:9). Additional resources: <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday>
2. The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria
3. First Sunday of the month coffee, tea and biscuits after Mass at St Barnabas and Sacred Heart, Goudhurst. All are very welcome.
4. There has been a slight problem with the card machine but it is now working for both Goudhurst and Hawkhurst. It is very easy to use and there are a few easy instructions beside it. Please feel free to use it either on your way in or out of church.
5. 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.
6. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Bill Elliott, Florence Stacey, William Bennett, David John Dee, Pat Day, Joanna McClean, Ros Reardon, Mirabelle Kelly, Nick Rourke, Penny Scott-Watson, Helena Lesniewska, Christian Le Bourlier, Monica Scrowston. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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