



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

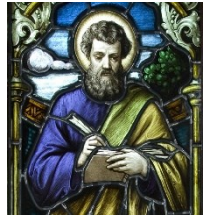


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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAY 5:30pm – 6:00pm
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am
SATURDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B)
WEEK COMMENCING 28th July 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144:10-11,15-18 Response: You open wide your hand O Lord, and grant our desires.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Saturday 27th July 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Holy Mass – Feria	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention.
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B)		
Sunday 28th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Holy Mass	Nigel Payne RIP
Sunday 28th 10:30am ** <i>Livestreamed</i> Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 29th	FATHER'S DAY OFF Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Memorial	
Tuesday 30th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	For God's Blessing and Protection on Anita's 4 th Birthday
Wednesday 31st 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial	Nadege Choo Choy, Thanksgiving
Thursday 1st August No Mass St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
Friday 2nd 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	For God's Blessing and Protection for Tim Ebuchi
<p>MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2024. On this year's world day celebration for grandparents and the elderly, with the theme, "DO NOT CAST ME OFF IN MY OLD AGE" (cf. Psalm 71: 9) we send our love and gratitude to all grandparents and elderly of our parish. We hold you all up in our prayers. We appreciate you and value your doting love and affection. Even as you are no longer as strong as you were years ago, we offer you our love, prayers and company. In your weakness, may the joy of the Lord be your strength. (Neh 8: 10) Amen. God bless all our 'NONNOS' AND 'NONNAS'.</p>		

REFLECTION for Seventeenth Sunday (B)

In the first reading and the Gospel of today we have the multiplication of bread by the Prophet Elisha and the Lord Jesus. In both cases, God took the initiative. God in Elisha and Jesus knew that the people were hungry, and he fed them. We shall not focus on the miraculous multiplication of loaves, but on the more important message of the charity, the selflessness, detachment, and love of the givers of the few loaves of bread. Because of their generosity of heart, bread belonging to one, became food for all.

Jesus could have commanded bread to fall from heaven to feed the people, but he wanted to teach that we must be ready and willing to share our resources with those who do not have as much. If our world today were less selfish, there would be fewer hungry people in it.

One other lesson from the readings is that we do not need to have so much to be able to give or share. No matter how little, give it up to the Lord, it is his job to make it go round. If the prophet Elisha and the little boy had not shared their bread, the people may have gone hungry.

Some years ago, a middle-aged woman came to a town and saw extreme poverty first hand. People were literally dying of hunger and curable diseases and sickness along the streets. She too did not have much but decided to do something. She took all the money she had and rented a small, dirty, and dilapidated building. She cleaned it up as much as she could, and then went round the neighbourhood and offered to teach the children. She used the building as the classroom without any chairs, tables, blackboard. That was her way of doing something to lift the downtrodden up. That was her way of giving her little to feed the hungry. That was her way of fighting poverty, hunger, and lack. Today, less than a hundred years later, she has hundreds of schools, hospitals, orphanages, hospices, with about 6,000 members and over 40,000 volunteers all over the world. She gave her little, and God multiplied her efforts. She is known as Mother Teresa.

What are we doing for the poor and less privileged in our world today? We have to think of fellow human beings in various parts of the world who do not have as much as we do. We turn on the switch and the light comes on, we open the tap and water flows. There are many who have to walk hundreds of miles to get water or who have never seen electricity. There may be many more who have nothing to eat. Jesus wants to help them, but he needs you and I to give whatever we have no matter how little. Jesus needs your talents, your generosity; he needs you. He needs your feet to reach the poor. He needs your hands to give to the needy. He needs your tongue to speak love to the world. He needs your food to feed the hungry and water to give drink to the thirsty. Remember Luke 6: 38, "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall be given to you..."

The gap between the rich and poor, the hungry and the satisfied grows bigger and bigger. Jesus needs us to reduce the gap by giving generously. According to President Kennedy, "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich." Jesus needs your love and generosity. He needs your giving. Give!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 28th July with a Blessing at the end of Mass. 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. 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.
5. 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, Lily Wise, John Sienesi, Tony Coleman, Gerry Cleary, Mary Elizabeth (Daisy) Fletcher. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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