



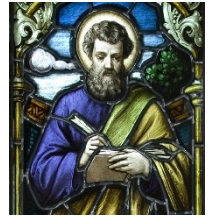
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and  
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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**  
**SATURDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass**



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114: 1-6,8-9 Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Second Reading: James 2: 14-18**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35**

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> 10.30am 11.00am  5.30pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast Stations of the Cross Holy Mass  Vigil Mass	David Nichol RIP
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30am <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30am ** <i>Livestreamed</i> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Paschal & Ngozi Ukpabi & Family Thanksgiving
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF</b>	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass - Feria	David Nichol RIP
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass - Feria	David Nichol RIP
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	No Mass	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial Holy Mass	David Nichol RIP
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 5.30pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Vigil Mass	David Nichol RIP
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 8.30am <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b> 10.30am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Repose of the Soul of Tom Ayres RIP and Comfort to his Family.  Missa Pro Populo
	Holy Mass	

## REFLECTION for Twenty-Fourth Sunday (B)

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They answered, John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets. Having heard who others say he was, he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

The disciples were Jesus' closest associates. He was preparing them to continue the work of preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth. He wanted to know not just how much they had learnt from him but, more importantly, how much they knew him. He was the gospel, the message they would preach to the world; if they did not know him, who would they preach? For there is no gospel without Jesus. Jesus is the 'Good news.' The disciples were the messengers, but Jesus is the 'Message.' The message that God is love, and that love came to show us mercy and the world. (Jn 3: 16)

The disciples can only really preach about Jesus to the extent they knew him. Knowing him not from what they heard others say about him, but from personal experience. So, John could say in 1Jn 5: 20, "And we know that the son of God has come...." It was because of the personal experience and knowledge of who Jesus is that the disciples were able and willing to give up everything, even their lives for him. "For the cause which I suffer these things: nevertheless, I am not ashamed: for I know Jesus, the one I have believed in, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him...." (1Tim 1: 12)

Who is Jesus to you? How much do you know Jesus? Do you have a personal relationship with him? Is the Jesus you know and pray to the one others have told you about, or have you come to know him in a personal way? Do you have a real, lively, living, personal relationship with Jesus? Is Jesus truly and actively present in your life?

Are you a Christian by chance or by choice? I became a Christian by chance, but I have remained one by choice. I was born into a Christian family (chance), but by my personal choice I have remained one. My Christian faith is rooted in and sustained by my personal relationship with the Lord Jesus "who loved me and gave his life for me." (Gal 2: 20)

Your faith in Jesus must not remain on the level of what others have said, what you have read about him in books, or any other external source. It must not be superficial. For your faith in Jesus to be solid and unshakeable, one must get to know him through prayer, the sacraments, the Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, daily reading of the Scriptures, among others.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We shall have an organist (Daniel) at the 10.30am Mass at Goudhurst this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please join in the singing.
2. **2nd Collection Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, Evangelii Gadium Sunday.** "We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone." Pope Francis.
3. **Missio Boxes: If you still have a box, please will you return it to the Presbytery, many thanks for your support.**
4. **Dates for your Diary:**
  - **Autumn Fair 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024** 9.30 to 12.00, Goudhurst Village Hall.
  - **Childrens Concert, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, after 10.30 Mass, Goudhurst. Please contact Liz Bozonnet if your child would like to join the choir for this concert.



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Gilbert Smith, Doris Coleman, Maud Stodart, Maud Micaloff, Anthony Stoneman, Gerard & Hilda Woolfe, Grace Hosking and Pat Tucker. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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