



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

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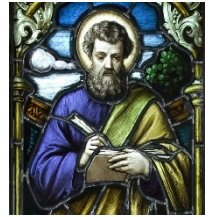


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am
SATURDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
Week commencing 22nd September 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 53:3-6, 8 Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Saturday 21st September 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	David Nichol RIP and comfort for Sue.
Sunday 22nd 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Holy Mass	Repose of the Soul of Tom Ayres
Sunday 22nd 10:30am ** <i>Livestreamed</i> Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 23rd	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 24th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial Holy Mass	David Nichol RIP, and comfort for Sue
Wednesday 25th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	David Nichol RIP, and comfort for Sue
Thursday 26th	No Mass	
Friday 27th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial Holy Mass	Stella Anokwuru and Family, Thanksgiving
Saturday 28th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 29th 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	David Nichol RIP, and comfort for Sue
10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Rapuluchukwu and Chisom Thanksgiving

REFLECTION for Twenty-Fifth Sunday (B)

In the gospel of today Jesus told his disciples that he was going to be killed and rise from the dead on the third day, but they failed to understand. Instead of thinking about what Jesus told them, they were discussing which of them was the greatest. But when Jesus asked them what they were discussing on the way, they were silent. They could not tell Jesus because they knew what they were discussing was shameful. Jesus was telling them about the most important part of his mission in this world; how he would be arrested and killed, but they were more concerned about positions of importance.

Whatever it is you cannot say to Jesus cannot be noble. St John Bosco was asked, "If you were told that Jesus was coming now, what would you do? He replied, "I will continue doing what I am doing." Can all our discussions or actions stand the test before Jesus?

Jesus used the opportunity to teach his disciples a lesson in humility and service. What matters in life is not the position one occupies, but the service one gives; and service comes from a humble and loving heart.

The story is told of an old monk who prayed for many years for a vision from God, but it never came. Just as he was about giving up, God answered his prayers. As he settled down to the vision, the monastery bell rang. This meant that it was time to feed the poor who came to the monastery door daily. The monks took it in turn to feed them daily and it was the old monk's turn. He was torn between continuing with the vision or abandoning it to go and feed the poor at the door. Reluctantly he got up and went out to feed the poor, thinking that the vision was over.

After over an hour of feeding the poor, he came back to the room and, to his greatest surprise, the heavenly vision was waiting for him. He went down on his knees in thanksgiving to God. A voice from the vision said to him, "My son, had you not gone off to feed the poor, I would not have stayed."

From this experience the old monk learnt a lesson, the best way to serve God is not in giving up material things; the best way to serve God is not necessarily to turn our backs on the world and go off to some monastery. The best way to serve God is not necessarily to spend hours in prayer or heavenly visions. The best way to serve God is to reach out in service to our brothers and sisters, especially the less privileged.

Jesus told his disciples, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all." At the end we shall be judged on how much we have served others, especially the poor. (Mt 25) St John of the Cross said, "In the twilight of life, we shall be judged on love." Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "Love is the answer." It is not so much about how much we have accomplished, but how much we have loved; how much love we have put into our deeds. Its all about love, humility, and service. This should be our motto. According to Albert Schweitzer, who abandoned his comfortable life in Europe to work as a missionary doctor to the poor in Africa, "...the only ones among you who will really be happy are those who sought and found how to serve;" "For it is in giving that we receive."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Missio Boxes:** If you still have a box, please will you return it to the Presbytery, many thanks for your support.
2. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention, birthdays, anniversaries and for our faithfully departed.
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. For **Readers**, from Bishop Paul Hendricks: **Sat 2nd November 2,00pm to 4.00pm** at Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ to introduce the new translation of the Lectionary. You are encouraged to attend.
5. **Youth Retreat** The next Diocesan Youth Retreat for 13-17 year olds will be on Saturday 12 October at St. John Fisher School, City Way, Rochester, ME1 2AE. The day will be delivered by the Dominicans on the theme of "Prayer". Don't miss out! Group leaders and parents book at tinyurl.com/retreat12oct.
6. **Dates for your Diary:**
 - **Autumn Fair 16th November 2024** 9.30 to 12.00, Goudhurst Village Hall.
 - **Childrens Concert, Sunday 26th 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 John Walsh, Elizabeth Komber, E W Sharples, Christian Raynor, John Watts, James Martine, Alan Potter, Marie Adamkova, Cora Newton. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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