



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

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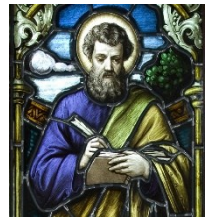


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
Week commencing 6th October 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 127 Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Saturday 5th October 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	May God keep Marie George's family safe and strong with His love.
Sunday 6th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Rosary Sunday Holy Mass	Missa Propopulo
Sunday 6th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Memorial Mass for Jon Hawley Holy Mass	Jesus Badiang Sr and Virginia Crisostomo Badiang, Thanksgiving and protection
Monday 7th 10.00am **Livestreamed 10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Our Lady of the Rosary Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Holy Rosary Holy Mass to mark the Feast of the Holy Rosary	Special intention of Donor
Tuesday 8th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	
Wednesday 9th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	Fr Jake Dicto RIP
Thursday 10th	No Mass	
Friday 11th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	
Saturday 12th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
	"The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically Rich in biblical Content. I beg you to pray it" – St John Paul II	
Monday 7th October, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	10.00am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Holy Rosary 10.30am - Holy Mass	

REFLECTION for Twenty-Seventh Sunday (B)

The readings of today tell us how God started the sacred institution of marriage and how Jesus elevated it to the level of a sacrament. No matter the progress made by humanity in different fields, marriage must always be viewed with the lens of the sacred. If God is taken out of that sacred institution, it ceases to be marriage.

As Jesus was speaking some people brought little children to him that he may touch them, but his disciples tried to stop them. Jesus told them not to stop them. Then he added, "Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter."

A child has childlike wonder in the parents. Childlike wonder is that feeling of love, trust, amazement, admiration, which a child has towards the parents. To the child there is nothing the parents cannot do; there is nothing beyond the capacity of the parents. There is a sense of wonder and admiration at what the parents can do especially, to protect and provide.

It is this sense of wonder and admiration or faith which Jesus asks us to have in God. Just as a child has unflinching trust and faith in the parents, so too we should in God. No matter how difficult or perilous the situation, we must trust in God as children trust in parents.

Many in the world today have lost that sense of wonder and trust in God. And that is why many find it difficult to pray or worship. It is the reason that many no longer go to Church and the percentage of those who go to church on Sunday continues fall.

When the sense of wonder in God begins to die, then also the sense of prayer and worship will die. According to the great missionary Albert Schweitzer, "The tragedy of life is what dies inside us while we live." When we become blind to the fingerprints of God in the beauty and awesomeness of creation, when we become deaf to the voice of God in the gentle breeze and the singing of birds in the world around us, then we have lost the sense of wonder, then something, something great has died inside us.

Let us be kind to children, the poor and the weak in our midst, let us appreciate God in the beauty and grandeur of His creation, so that we may rediscover the childlike sense of wonder in God and discover anew how to pray and worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible reading:** Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. Sunday Mass 6th October 10.30. We welcome Kate and Lucy, wife and daughter of Jon Hawley who, for many years, was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church. They are here for the memorial Mass of Jon, who passed away 19th July, 2024.
3. **Light a Candle in the Church.** You are invited to light a candle in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Beresford Rd, Goudhurst, TN17 1DN for the Month of Mary on **15th October between 10.00am and 12.00noon**. All are welcome.
4. The new 3 year liturgical cycle, Sunday Missal People's Edition (Red) will be available soon. Please will you notify the office by email or phone, if you would like us to reserve a copy for you. They cost: £19.95.
5. There will be a **2nd collection on 13th October** for **PACT** which helps to rehabilitate prisoners and gives support to their families.
6. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention, birthdays, anniversaries and for our faithfully departed.
7. 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 prayer.
8. **Dates for your Diary:**
 - **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". Group leaders and parents book at tinyurl.com/retreat12oct.
 - **For Readers: Sat 2nd November, 2.00 to 4.00pm** at the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ to introduce the new translation of the Lectionary. You are encouraged to attend.
 - **Autumn Fair 16th November 2024** 9.30 to 12.00, Goudhurst Village Hall.



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of David Butt, Charlotte Baker, John Bradford, Fred Pilbeam, Nora Barrett, Peggy Shill, Marguerite Hosking, Mina (Hermine) Hutson, Peter Newton, Marlene Codd, Philip Morley, Stephen Butterworth, Sybil Ann Ryan, Fr Peter Nkomazana. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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