



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
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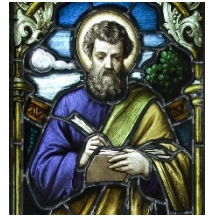


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
Week commencing 13th October 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 89:12-17 **Response:** Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children, Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Saturday 12th October 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families Vigil Mass 2 nd Collection	Missa Propopulo
Sunday 13th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families Holy Mass 2 nd Collection	Kachi Ukpabi and Family, Thanksgiving
Sunday 13th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families Holy Mass 2 nd Collection	Elodie Bozonnet, Confirmation and Healing for Anne Smith
Monday 14th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 15th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Theresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Holy Mass	
Wednesday 16th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	
Thursday 17th	No Mass	
Friday 18th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Luke, Evangelist, Feast Holy Mass	
Saturday 19th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Twenty-Ninth Week (B) World Mission Sunday Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving and Protection for the Thakerar Family
Tuesday 15th 10.00am – 12.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Light a Candle in the Church for the month of Mary. All are welcome	

REFLECTION for Twenty-Eighth Sunday (B)

I have always been intrigued by the gospel passage of today. The man in the gospel ran to Jesus to ask what he could do to inherit eternal life. He desired to be saved but was he ready to do what it would take to be saved? He went to Jesus. He had kept all the commandments from his youth. But from this encounter with Jesus, we learn that to enter heaven we need to do more than keeping the commandments. The commandments are mainly what to avoid, not what to do. We cannot make heaven only by avoiding sin. We make it by doing good.

The man was too attached to his wealth; he was carried away by the good things and pleasures of this life. He was offered a choice between the riches of this world and heaven. He chose worldly riches.

When he said he had kept all the commandments from his youth. Jesus told him, 'Yes, you have done well, but there is still one thing you lack; and that is love, a generous heart.' Jesus told him, "Go, sell what you have, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But he refused. He walked away from Jesus. He turned his back on eternal life. He was unduly attached to his riches.

Are we like this rich man? Do we keep the commandments but lack love? How often do we reach out in love to the poor, the needy, and the hungry? The faith we have must be practical. Faith and good works (love) are like the two sides of a coin. They must go together. (1Cor 13: 1-13). That was what St James meant when he said that "Faith without works is dead." (James 2: 17-20).

Is it easy to combine faith and good works, of course not. But with God it is possible. We need the grace of God. That is why Jesus said, "This is impossible for man but not for God." We cannot go beyond the standard of the world without God. Remember Jesus' words in John 15: 5 "Cut off from me you can do nothing." To achieve our full human potential, to reach out in love to our brothers and sisters, to inherit eternal life, we need God. Seek God in prayer. Listen to him by reading the bible. As someone said, "If we walk toward God one step, he'll run toward us ten steps." If we take the first step of reaching out in love to the needy arounds us, God will afford us the grace and wherewithal to complete the good work.

I invite us all to make St Ignatius prayer of Generosity our own, "Lord, teach us to be generous. Teach us to serve as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for reward, except to know that we are doing your will." Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible reading:** Gospel of Mark, Chapter 2. If anyone has any questions, contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **Congratulations** to Alfie, son of David and Hannah Riches and Isla, daughter of Thomas and Katherine Williams on their Baptisms into the church yesterday at Sacred Heart. Also to the proud grandparents Mike and Mary Jane Iles.
3. **NB** Please note the new web page address: sacredheartgoudhurst.org.uk. We invite you all to access the website and send us some comments on what needs to be done differently and what you would like to see there. Thank you.
4. The new Lectionary and Mass Books will come into effect at the beginning of Advent. We would like to offer our grateful thanks to the anonymous donor who paid for one of the Lectionary's and very kindly gift aided as well. The total cost of all the books will be £4,279.40 less the second collection we had and the very kind donation, leaves a balance of £3,198.15. We hope to have another 2nd collection for this later.
5. **Autumn Fair 16th November.** Please see the posters at the back of the church for donations to the various stalls. Please leave the items at the Presbytery after 1st November in working hours, not Monday.
6. 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.
7. The 2nd Collection on 20th October is for **Missio**. The theme this year is 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet!'
8. Oppose Assisted Dying Bill. There have been increasing reports that the Government will support a Bill in Parliament to legalise assisted dying. In March, Archbishop John reminded us that "the Catholic Church believes and teaches that every life is valuable, regardless of one's physical or mental state or ability", which is why "we cannot approve of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide". To find out how, go to: rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/how-to-oppose-the-assisted-dying-bill/
9. **Dates for your Diary: 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.



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Marlene Codd, Philip Morley, Stephen Butterworth, Sybil Ann Ryan, Fr Peter Nkomazana, Violet Elizabeth McGrath, Teresa Casey, Alexina Egan, Martha Pearson, Margaret Millis, Nora Nicholson, Peggy Wheeler, Jim Crouch and Bernard Smith. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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