



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
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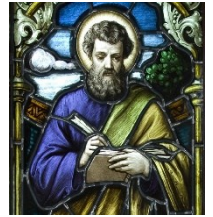


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
Week commencing 20th October 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

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 10:35-45

Saturday 19th October 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Mission Sunday Vigil Mass	2 nd Collection	The Thakerar Family, Thanksgiving and Protection
Sunday 20th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	World Mission Sunday Holy Mass	2 nd Collection	Missio Propulo
Sunday 20th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Mission Sunday Holy Mass	2 nd Collection	Anthony Charles Downing Sr RIP
Monday 21st	FATHER'S DAY OFF		
Tuesday 22nd 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – St John Paul II, Pope		
Wednesday 23rd 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria		Dr Victor & Tochukwu Ukpabi & Family - Thanksgiving
Thursday 24th	No Mass		
Friday 25th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria		
Saturday 26th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Thirtieth Week (B) Vigil Mass		Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 27th 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass- Holy Mass		
10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Holy Mass		

REFLECTION for Twenty-Ninth Sunday (B)

In the gospel passage we see human greed and unholy ambition rear their ugly heads among some of the disciples of Jesus. The two sons of Zebedee asked Jesus to give them the best seats, the closest seats to him in his kingdom: to sit one at his left and the other at the right in his kingdom. They did not care about the other ten. Ambition blinded them. Is it not surprising that having stayed with Jesus for a while, in such physical proximity, the two brothers failed to allow the holiness, goodness, and humility of Jesus rub off on them? Jesus came to raise their hearts and minds heavenward, but they were still attracted by earthly ambition.

Jesus used the opportunity to teach the disciples and all of us a great lesson in love, selflessness, and humility. The two brothers thought that the kingdom of heaven was a place for the highest bidder. They thought one could get there by physical affiliation. They were wrong. Jesus told them that getting into the kingdom of heaven was through love and service (Mt 25:35-40). Love and service are like two sides of a coin. They always go together. You cannot have one without the other.

Jesus gave us an example of this when he said in John 3: 16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son..." It was because of the love that God has for humanity that he sacrificed his only begotten son for the salvation of the world. True love is about giving, not taking – To give, without counting the cost.

Jesus, the son of God came into the world and turned human values upside down. In the world the leader lords it over others, great men and women make their authority felt. Not so with those who belong to the kingdom of heaven. Among those destined for the kingdom of heaven, the great ones are to serve while the first must make themselves last. Just as Jesus came into "the world from heaven not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28). Today's gospel holds out a challenge to all of us. As disciples of Jesus, we have to give our lives in loving service for others. We are not in this world to dominate others. We are not in our positions to lord it over anyone. The gospel is an invitation to us to begin imitating Jesus in love and humility, by serving one another, at home, at work, and on our streets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible reading:** Gospel of Mark, Chapter 3. If anyone has any questions, contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **Congratulations** to Alex and Shalom on the birth of their daughter Chifurumnanya.
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. **A big thank you** to the organisers of "Light a Candle". Sixteen people came which was wonderful.
5. The new Lectionary and Mass Books will come into effect at the beginning of Advent.
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. **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 Mondays.
8. **Oppose Assisted Dying Bill.** 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 to oppose this Bill, go to: rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/how-to-oppose-the-assisted-dying-bill/
9. **The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies** is an internationally recognised qualification which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. For further information visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.
10. **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.
 - **Childrens Concert, Sunday 26th January 2025,** after 10.30 Mass, Goudhurst.



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Violet Elizabeth McGrath, Teresa Casey, Alexina Egan, Martha Pearson, Margaret Millis, Nora Nicholson, Peggy Wheeler, Jim Crouch, Bernard Smith, Beryl Millis, Mary Sullivan, Thomas Knight, Norah Ryan, Isabella Wilkins, Fred Cluley, Betty Hosking, Geoffrey Parton and Dr Margaret (Rita) Black. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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