



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

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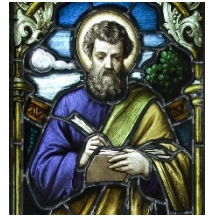


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



THIRTIETH SUNDAY
Week commencing 27th October 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 125 **Response:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

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 10:46-52

Saturday 26th October 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo	
Sunday 27th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Repose of the Soul of David Passmore	
Sunday 27th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Dr Victor & Tochukwu Ukpabi & Family - Thanksgiving	
Monday 28th	FATHER'S DAY OFF		
Tuesday 29th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria		
Wednesday 30th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria		
Thursday 31st	No Mass		
Friday 1st November 9:00am	ALL SAINTS, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Litany of All the Saints Holy Mass	Kathleen Hebburn RIP	
9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst		Susan & Paul Demuth RIP	
11.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst			
6.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass		
Saturday 2nd 11.00am	ALL SOULS Holy Mass	For the Souls of the Fletcher & Leacock Family	
12.00pm			Holy Mass
5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst			Holy Mass

REFLECTION for Thirtieth Sunday (B)

In today's gospel passage the poor blind beggar Bartimaeus, was on the side of the road begging as he usually did. And on this day, Jesus passed that way. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he raised his voice calling on Jesus, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The people around him rebuked him, asking him to stop. But he shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me", until he got the attention of Jesus, who stopped and asked the people to bring him.

When he heard that Jesus wanted to see him, he threw off his cloak, and ran to Jesus.

Throwing off his cloak was very significant. It was the cloak that provided him protection from the elements as he sat by the roadside daily begging for food. Having encountered Jesus, he had faith, solid faith that he would no longer need it. He had faith in the ability and willingness of Jesus to give him far more protection and joy than the cloak ever gave him. The cloak was his past. Meeting Jesus was a new life, a new beginning.

A couple of other points from Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus:

1. Pray that wherever you may be, Jesus may pass your way.
2. No matter how difficult or seemingly impossible your situation, never give up. Fight until you can no longer fight. We do not know how long the blind beggar was in that situation; for how long he sat at the side of the road daily, begging not only for food, but hoping for an encounter that would change his situation for the better.
3. Never allow hope to die in you. Always keep hope alive. With Jesus there is always hope.
4. Never allow anyone to stop you from getting the attention of Jesus. If Bartimaeus had allowed himself to be cowed by the crowd, he may not have gotten the attention of Jesus. He may not have received his healing. Remember the woman with the issue of blood in Matthew 9: 20-22. She had to push through the crowd to get to Jesus.
5. Jesus is willing and ready to help, but you must get to him. You must make the effort in prayer and practical ways to get his attention and reach him.

The world today is like the crowd that tried to intimidate the blind Bartimaeus. Just as they yelled at him to keep quiet, so too today the liberal world is yelling at those who seek Jesus. The liberal, atheistic, irreligious world is discouraging many today, especially the young, from seeking Jesus.

Today's gospel invites us to ask ourselves, how many 'Bartimaeuses' who are trying to reach Jesus are we helping or hindering?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible reading:** Gospel of Mark, Chapter 4. If anyone has any questions, contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. Friday 1st November is **All Saints Day**, a **Holyday of Obligation**. **Masses at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst are 9.30am and 6.30pm. Mass at St Barnabas, Hawkhurst is at 11.30am.**
3. **2nd November is All Souls and the commemoration of all the Faithful departed. There will be Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst at 11.00am, 12.00pm and 5.30pm.** During the month of November, the month for Holy souls, a purple box will be placed on the Sanctuary. Please place names of deceased family members, parishioners and friends with offerings in the box. All Masses said in the month of November will be for the names in the box. Lists and envelopes can be found at the back of the Church.
4. Please remember to put your clocks back an hour on Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour!
5. There will be a **second collection** on **9th and 10th November** for the Archbishop's Appeal.
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. **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. For further information visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.
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 Beryl Millis, Mary Sullivan, Thomas Knight, Norah Ryan, Isabella Wilkins, Fred Cluley, Betty Hosking, Geoffrey Parton, Dr Margaret (Rita) Black, Richard Unterberger, Andrew Hendrickx, Elmore Roberts, Gwennie Greenwood, Violet May Dee, William Connolly, Robin Manwaring, Dorothy Billson, Ian Gray, Dr Dermot Healy, Sara Fernandez, Jeff Sharp and May O'Grady. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

ONLINE DONATIONS

BANK DETAILS,

NatWest Bank: RCAS Sacred Heart Goudhurst, Account No: 59004576 Sort Code: 60 06 18

Gift Aiders please add your envelope number and name as a reference