



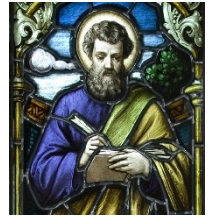
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and  
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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass**



**SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (C)**

**Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Mass Book Page 84**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 126: Response: What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

**Second Reading: Phillipians 1:3-6, 8-11**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia**

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b> <b>4.00pm</b> <b>4.30pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>ADVENT RETREAT</b> -Preacher, Fr Behruz Raf'at Theme:Advent Conference / opening talk Confessions Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Peggy Morris RIP
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass <p style="text-align: center;"><b>END OF RETREAT</b></p>	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mass	For those made redundant at this time of year. Blessings received Badiang Family.
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass – Feria	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass - Feria	
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	No Mass	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial	
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5.30pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	The Thakerar Family, Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass Missa Pro Populo	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	

# REFLECTION Second Sunday of Advent (C)

On this second Sunday of Advent John the Baptist appears in the wilderness preaching. He told the people to repent because the kingdom of God was close at hand and to prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." To fill every valley and to make low every mountain and hill.

Every Advent and indeed every day, the voice of John the Baptist cries out to us asking us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. These words of John the Baptist were not meant only for the people of his time, but for people of all times and generations and places.

How do we prepare for the coming of the Lord? We prepare for the coming of Jesus from within, by working first on ourselves. We acknowledge our sins, we return or go to the Lord to ask for forgiveness, and the grace to turn a new page and begin a new life in Jesus. We make use of the sacrament of reconciliation. Go to Confession!

Advent is an invitation to set things right with God and prepare ourselves not only to celebrate the first coming of Jesus but also for his second and final coming.

Many of us over time have wandered away from the Lord, from the Father's house. Advent helps us, if we open ourselves to the Spirit of God, to return to the Father's house.

This Advent, let us ask ourselves, 'why are so many abandoning Jesus and the gospel so fast and in such huge numbers?'

Many of us no longer heed the words of John the Baptist. We do not prepare the way for the lord in our hearts and families. We do not prepare our children for the coming of the Lord. We do not prepare the hearts of our youths and children to receive the Lord. Many of our children and youths have no space in their hearts and lives for Jesus. In one of his homilies Pope Benedict XVI appealed to the youths of our time and world saying, "Do not be afraid... Open your hearts to Jesus... He comes into your life not to take anything good away from you. He gives you everything that is noble and beautiful."

Let us therefore heed the words of John the Baptist: 'prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight' in your hearts, in your homes, in our society.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome to Father Behruz Raf'at who will be leading our Advent Retreat and will be with us for the weekend Masses. Father Ethelbert will be at Tenterden this weekend.
2. Bible Reading: Gospel of Mark chapter 10. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
3. **The funeral of Late Bishop John Hine will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm**
4. **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at 9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10.00am: Mass**
5. Our Parish will host the Maidstone Deanery clergy meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Please pray for the success of this meeting.
6. We are sad to announce the passing of Arnold Guy Page, husband of Teresa. We offer Teresa and her family our prayers and condolences. May he rest in peace.
7. The Requiem Mass for Lis Rourke will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst which will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.

**Dates for your Diary:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Light a Candle, Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

### Christmas and New Year Mass Times:

24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst Carol Service 7.00pm, Holy Mass 7.30pm, to be presided by †Bishop Paul Hendricks

Christmas Day: 9.30am Holy Mass at St Barnabas, Hawkhurst. 11.00am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> No Masses

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am Holy Mass, St Barnabas, Hawkhurst. 11.00am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

31<sup>st</sup> December: Cross over Mass, 10.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11.30 Holy Mass, Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

1<sup>st</sup> January 2025: Mary Mother of God, Solemnity, 9.30am Holy Mass, St Barnabas, Hawkhurst, 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Ada Tate, Anthony Berkeley, Reggie Gordon, Jack Brady and Margaret Murphy. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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