



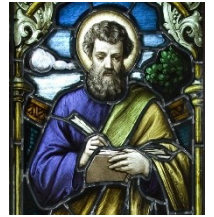
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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**

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



**THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (C)**

**Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Mass Book Page 87**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 12: Response: Shout aloud and sing praise, for in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Second Reading: Phillipians 4:4-7**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor, Alleluia**

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	Holy Mass	The Thakerar Family, Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	For the Soul of Jesus Badiang Senior RIP
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am - Midday</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Light a Candle Holy Mass – Feria	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass - Feria	Maidstone Deanery Meeting
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2.00pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Funeral Mass, Arnold (Guy) Page	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass –	Captain Richard Brook-Hart, For God's healing and strength, and comfort to his family
<b>5.30pm</b> <b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	John Morris RIP
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Tricia

# REFLECTION Third Sunday of Advent (C) GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is also called 'Gaudete Sunday.' Gaudete means rejoice in Latin. It is the opening word of the entrance antiphon of today's liturgy taken from Philippians 4: 4-5. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

In the first reading the prophet Zephaniah amidst the sufferings the people of Israel were going through, invited them to rejoice because the coming of the Lord who would deliver them was close. As in the time of Zephaniah, those words of comfort and hope are re-echoed to us children of God in these troubled and uncertain times. No matter the difficulty we go through or uncertainty of the time, we should have faith in the Lord whose coming is imminent. Therefore, rejoice that our liberation from the shackles of fear and suffering is at hand.

To fully experience this joy of the coming of the Messiah, we need to do what John the Baptist asked the people to do in the gospel of today. The people asked John, "What, then, shall we do?" Soldiers knew they were guilty of bullying people. Tax collectors knew they were guilty of overcharging the people. The people knew they were guilty of not sharing their surplus with those not as fortunate.

But today, many people refuse to admit they are guilty of wrongdoing. People no longer admit their sins. And that is why they do not see the need for the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession). John challenged the people to look into their hearts and acknowledge their sinfulness. He challenged them to turn away from their sins and return to God.

We must not allow sin and our weakness to define us. God made us beautiful and lovable. But we are not perfect. We can also be vulnerable.

Advent is a time when we admit we are sinners. It is a time we go to Jesus in the sacrament of reconciliation and ask him to wash us and make us clean again. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Mark chapter 11. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. 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.
3. Please join us at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst to Light a Candle and spend some time in prayer with Our Mother Mary.
4. We are asking for donations for our Christmas flowers in both Churches. Our wonderful ladies do an amazing job with limited money. Thank you for your donations. Donation boxes are at the back of both churches.
5. A Day with Mary is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14 December (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop John Wilson. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>
6. **The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at All Saints Church 531 Kenton Road Kenton London HA3 0UL on the corner of Claremont Avenue; 600 yards west of Kingsbury Circus/Kingsbury TfL Station, via Bus 183 on Saturday 14 December 2024 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. For more info call Millie on 07957594646 . No need to register.**
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.

### 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 Herbert Nutt, Major R C Wilkinson, D A Calcutt and Fr Bert White. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

## ONLINE DONATIONS

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