



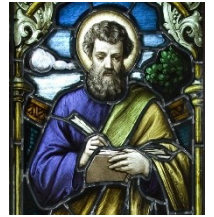
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2024 (C)
Week commencing 21st December 2024 Mass Book Page 90, 94 & 102

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 80:15-16, 18-19 Response: Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 18:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Saturday 21st 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 22nd 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers	John Morris RIP
Sunday 22nd 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers	Tricia. Chisom, Rapulochukwu and baby, Thanksgiving
Monday 23rd 11.00am Goudhurst	Baptism of Oscar Eerdekens	
Tuesday 24th 7.00pm **Livestreamed 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Carol Service Christmas Vigil Mass - Presided by Bishop Paul Hendricks	Chris Davis, for his healing and quick recovery
Wednesday 25th 9:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst 11.00am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, Solemnity	

We wish you and your family a holy, healthy and grace filled Christmas and New Year.

God Bless.

Father Ethelbert and Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst, St Barnabas Church, Hawkhurst



REFLECTION for Christmas (C)

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest Divine gift to us. At creation God gave us the gift of life but at redemption he gave us the gift of his son. Christmas is God saying to humanity, "I love you so much that I gave you, love, my son."

Fr Mark Link in his book "Sunday Homilies" told the story of a young boy who wanted to know the language that God speaks. He asked his teachers, the elders and wise people in his neighbourhood, but none knew. Then one day, as he slept, he saw a vision of the child Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. He was told in the dream that his search for the language God speaks was over. He was told to look at the baby Jesus lying in the manger, and he would understand God's language.

God speaks the language of love. "...God so loved the world that he gave his only son (to the world) (Jn 3: 16). The young boy fell on his knees in front of the baby Jesus and shed tears of joy. Now he knew the language of God. God speaks the language of love. God speaks the one language that every person, of every nation, of every age can understand.

He was given a message in the dream. It is not enough to know the language that God speaks, you must tell everyone about the language God speaks. When he woke up, he reasoned to himself, 'If I am to tell everyone the language God speaks, and if they are to believe me, I am going to have to speak the language of love myself.' It is the only language that everybody in the world understands.

From that day the young man began to speak the language that God speaks. He began to speak the language of love. He discovered to his utter amazement that the more he spoke to people in the language of love, the more they responded to him in the same language. And the more people he spoke to in the language of love, the more they spoke to others in the same language, and the more others understood and spoke.

Christmas is a celebration of the love of God, given to us to be enjoyed and shared. Let us speak the language of God, the language of love to the people of our time.

Love and peace of Jesus. Merry Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Mark chapter 12. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **If you need to contact Father Ethelbert urgently over the Christmas period, please use telephone number 07831252314.**
3. 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 prayers.

Christmas and New Year Mass Times:

26th and 27th No Masses

Saturday 28th December: 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

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

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

1st 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 and Chris Davis.

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of May Roberts, Edward Martin, Michael McRory, Desmond Cluley, Arthur Nutt, Mike Taylor, Norah Hudson, Betty Bennett, Martin Jackson, Maxine Hayes, Maria Roberts, Jean D'Arcy and Timothy Noel Sheehan. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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