



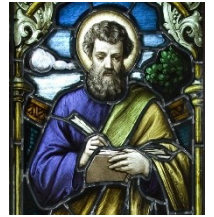
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH 2024 (C) / Mary Mother of God, New Year 2025
Week commencing 29th December 2024 Mass Book Page 105 & 109

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 128:1-2, 3. 4-5 **Response:** Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Saturday 28th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Vigil Mass Special Blessing of Families	Adrian Franke RIP
Sunday 29th 9:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Holy Mass Special Blessing of Families	Rita and Michael Moten RIP
Sunday 29th 11.00am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Holy Mass Special Blessing of Families	Emmanuel and Rose Anne Ukpabi RIP Brian, Mick and Bill Conn RIP
Monday 30th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 31st 10.30pm 11.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Last day of 2024 - CROSS OVER MASS Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass	
Wednesday 1st Jan 2025 9:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst 11.00am *Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	<u>First Reading:</u> Numbers 6:22-27 <u>Psalm</u> 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 <u>Response:</u> May God be gracious and Bless us. <u>Second reading:</u> Galations 4:4-7 <u>Gospel Acclamation:</u> Alleluia, Alleluia, At many times, long ago, God spoke to our Fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. Alleluia <u>Gospel:</u> Luke 2:16-21 Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God Holy Mass Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God Holy Mass	
2 nd and 3 rd No Masses	<i>Wishing you a very Happy and Healthy New Year filled with Joy and Peace.</i>	
Saturday 4th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil Mass	
Sunday 5th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Mass	Winifred Plataoz RIP
Sunday 5th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Mass	Chris Davis, for his healing and quick recovery.

REFLECTION The Holy Family of Jesus

, Mary and Joseph (C)/ Mary Mother of God, –New Year 2025

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is a unique family where the baby of the family is the greatest, and the actual head and maker of the family. It is a family where it is the child who brought the family together and the family is united in him. No child chooses his parents; but with the Holy family of Nazareth, Jesus chose his parents. He chose Joseph the just man to be the human head and guardian and the Immaculate Virgin Mary to be the mother. It is no coincidence that this feast is celebrated within the octave of Christmas. Christmas gives us a complete picture of the Holy family.

The human family has its origin in God. It was God who originated and initiated the idea of the family. In the Book of Genesis 22: 21 he created the first human family. Though Adam and Eve, the first parents of the human family, fell short and disobeyed God, God did not abandon his original idea to have the human family. Despite the fall and disobedience, God 'perfected' the idea of the family; and corrected the wrong of Adam and Eve in the Holy family of Nazareth, with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

The holy family is the perfect reflection and example of what a human family should be and look like. A family built on love of God and love of man. A family that has God as the head, a family that has God at the centre; a family that is always in constant touch with God.

It was not a family without problems. No. It had its fair share of problems. Joseph was confused about what to do with Mary after she got pregnant. Mary was in labour and had no place to deliver her baby. At the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Simeon said things about the child that must have troubled the mother, Mary. "This child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel...And a sword will pierce your soul...." (Lk 2: 34ff) The family must have been a poor because what they took for the presentation at the Temple was what was expected of the poor who could not afford a ram. (Gen 15: 9; Lk 2: 24) Joseph was asked in a dream to flee to Egypt with the child because his life was in danger. At the age of twelve, they lost him for three days.

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the holy family of Nazareth, let us thank God for the gift of this wonderful family, the model of all families.

Happy New year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Mark chapter 13. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **If you need to contact Father Ethelbert urgently over the New Year 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.



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, Timothy Noel Sheehan, Herbert Winn, Walter McGlone, John Barton, Alan Watts, Rowland Bartlett, Joseph Hoare, Maureen Benton, Graham Cluley, Claudine van Graan, Vincent Martin, Antoni Kajzer, Lawrence Victor Gottelier, Johann Dassen, John Patrick Donegan, John Lusted, Trevor Martin and Eileen Collett. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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