



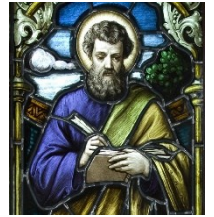
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass
SUNDAY 08.00am before Mass



The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm:72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Response: All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday 4th January Sacred Heart, Goudhurst 5.30pm	The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 5th 8:30am 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
Monday 6th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 7th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria of Christmas Time	Adrian - Healing
Wednesday 8th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria of Christmas Time	Donor's Intention
Thursday 9th		
Friday 10th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria of Christmas Time	
Saturday 11th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Baptism of the Lord Vigil Mass	
Sunday 12th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 12th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Marie-France Henry, for the Salvation of her Soul

REFLECTION The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord; the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus. These wise men from the east, kings in their own right, came to Bethlehem, led by a star, to pay homage to the child-king and present him gifts of great significances.

The magi, the wise men, were led by a star to the baby Jesus. According to St Peter Chrysologus, "Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man. One whom the whole universe can't contain is now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: Incense for God, gold for king, and myrrh for one who is to die." The magi came; they saw and worshipped him.

In Jesus heaven came down to earth. In Jesus God became man. In Jesus heaven and earth were joined together. In Jesus, the broken bridge between God and man has been restored.

What does this celebration mean for us today? It means among other thing, that we must, like the wise men, search for Jesus. The star led the wise men to Jesus. What is the star leading us to Jesus today? When we find him, we must worship him and present a gift to him. Not the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but something better, the gift of ourselves.

After meeting Jesus, the wise men went back to their homes and carried not only the image of the baby king they saw, but also his message. The message of peace, hope and love.

We too in our time have encountered Jesus. We must take our experience of this encounter to wherever we go; we must tell it to whoever we meet. We must share with people today the good news that Jesus, the son of God took flesh, became a human being and lives among us.

We must share with the people of our time the good news that Jesus the son of God, entered the world to share his divine life with us and save the human race. This is the good news and message of Epiphany that Jesus came, not only for the Jews, but for all, Jews, and Gentiles alike, all of humanity. On Christmas day Jesus was revealed only to Jews. But at the Epiphany, he was revealed to the Gentiles, the entire world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Mark chapter 14. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. You will have noticed that some of the Mass Books have a label inside in memory of someone's loved one. Please remember to pray for the soul this person. If you would like to remember your family member or friend in this way, please contact Lizzi Payne. The cost of this is label £5.00.
3. Teas and coffees will be served after Mass this Sunday (5th) at Hawkhurst and Goudhurst. Please join us.
4. **Please Note: There will be building works commencing from 13th January on the entrance to Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst. We will try to limit any disruption to the daily Masses at this time.**
5. 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.
6. "Pilgrim's Progress to Rome, an eight-day trek in Autumn 2025, is a charity fundraising challenge organised by the charity Life. Life supports women in unexpected and crisis pregnancies and those experiencing pregnancy loss. Life are calling all those with "an adventurous spirit and a compassionate heart", to email emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk to receive more information."



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 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, Eileen Collett, John Rourke, Catherine Meade, Bridget Conlon, Doris Vinehill, Mrs Ewins, Joe Hover, Patrick St Pierre, Alice Keal, Fred Bertie Smith, Abigail Firth, James Naylor, Peter Ryan, 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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