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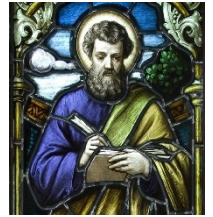
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart, SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass
St Barnabas, SUNDAY 8.00am before Mass



The Presentation of the Lord (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: 24(23): 7,8,9,10 Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Saturday 1st February 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Feast Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 2nd 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Feast Holy Mass	
Sunday 2nd 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Feast Holy Mass	Jon Hawley, RIP
Monday 3rd 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, Blessing of throats Holy Mass	
Tuesday 4th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	
Wednesday 5th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial Holy Mass - Feria	Mary Theresa Morley RIP Betty & Buddy Payne RIP
Thursday 6th		
Friday 7th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - First Friday of the Month Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Adrian, Healing
Saturday 8th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Fifth Sunday Vigil Mass	
Sunday 9th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	
Sunday 9th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	John Fanning RIP

REFLECTION The Presentation of the Lord (C)

The feast recalls the presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Mary and Joseph as required by the Jewish law, forty days after his birth. Chapter 13 of the Book of Exodus stipulates that every first-born Israelite son and every first-born Israelite animal belonged to God. God instructed Moses thus: "Dedicate all the first-born males to me." (Ex 13: 2) Every Jewish family was required to 'present' their first-born to God. While they presented the first-born of their animals to God by sacrificing them, they presented their first-born sons to God but bought them back from God by offering animals in their place. The parents were to present a lamb, but if they could not afford a lamb, they could present a pair of pigeons or turtle doves. (Lev 14: 22) St Luke went out of his way to inform us that Mary and Joseph had to offer two turtledoves or young pigeons, the sacrifice prescribed for the poor, to remind us that they were materially poor.

This practice dates from God's rescue of the Israelites from slavery in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to leave only after the death of the first-born sons and animals of the Egyptians, while the first-born sons and animals of Israel were spared. (Ex 12: 13) They therefore belonged to God who shielded them from death and freed them.

While in the Temple for this rite, Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms and foretold four things about Jesus: 1. He will meet with opposition. 2. He will be a vehicle for the destruction and salvation of many in Israel. 3. He will be a glory. And 4. He will be a light to the Gentiles. Simeon's prophecy captures the essence of Jesus' ministry on earth, giving us a glimpse into the complex and difficult mission. Simeon also gave Mary a personal prophecy, "And a sword will pierce your own soul as well." Mary will suffer because of her son, especially at the crucifixion.

The name Simeon, a Hebrew word which means, "He who listens, hears; He (God) has heard. Simeon represents those who patiently, faithfully and trustingly await the fulfilment of God's promise. He had been promised by God that he would not die until he had set eyes on the Messiah. Led by the Holy Spirit to the Temple at the time Mary and Joseph brought Jesus.

There was also Anna, the prophetess, who came into the Temple just at that moment. She was widowed seven years after marriage, and now 84 years old, she never left the Temple night and day, praying and fasting. God granted her the grace to see Jesus before her death. And when she saw the child Jesus, she recognised him. God works in mysterious ways. When you submit your all to God, he will never abandon you. Anna gave her life to prayer and service of God in the Temple. And God rewarded her with life, Jesus! (Jn 14: 6)

This feast reminds us that everything we have belongs to God and was lent to us by God, including our life? (Chronicles 29: 14; Rom 11: 36; Ps 16: 5-11; James 1: 17; 1Cor 12: 1-11) God made us and gave us all we have and are. Let us acknowledge his love, his gifts, his presence-his light in us; and allow that light to shine through us, that we and others may see the goodness and glory of God. As the Psalmist prayed to God, "In your light we see light." (Ps36: 9)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 2. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **Please note**, there will be **Mass on Monday 3rd February at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst for Saint Blaise, Blessing of throats.**
3. Teas and Coffees will be served after Mass at Hawkhurst and Goudhurst this Sunday. All are very welcome.
4. If there are any candidates for First Holy Communion this year, please will you contact the Parish Office, as soon as possible, to register.
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. **Please Note:** There will be building works commencing the last week in January/ 1st week February at the entrance to Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst. We will try to limit any disruption to the Masses during this time.
7. 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 of this person. If you would like to remember your family member or friend in this way, please contact Lizzi Payne.

Dates for your Diary:

Goudhurst Village Fete, Saturday 14th June from 12 to 16.00h. More information nearer the time.



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family, Jenny Doyle, Chris Davis and Alison McKenna

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Janina Lesniewska-Chapman, Sadie Brown, Jack de Wilton, James Bolland, Irene Lilian Brookman, Mary Morley, Anna Przbylski, Alice Hendrickx, Mary Arnold, Margaret Malone, Stephen White, Stuart Peter Hatcher, Vincent Prostack, Conor Gleeson and Wladyslaw Oczkowski. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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