



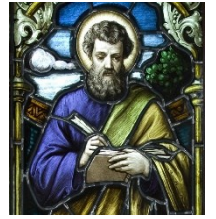
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Sacred Heart, SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass
 St Barnabas, SUNDAY 8:00am before Mass



Fifth Sunday (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm 138 (137): 1-2a, 2b, 3, 4-5, 7c-8, Response: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Saturday 8th February 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 9th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	David Barras RIP
Sunday 9th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	John Fanning RIP
Monday 10th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 11th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Our Lady of Lourdes. Holy Mass – World Day for the Sick	Healing for all the sick in our Parish
Wednesday 12th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	Eileen O'Connor RIP
Thursday 13th		
Friday 14th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass -	
Saturday 15th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Sixth Sunday (C) Vigil Mass – Racial Justice Day	
Sunday 16th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass – Racial Justice Day	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 16th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Racial Justice Day	

REFLECTION Fifth Sunday (C)

The three readings today present these three great men of our faith who at the time of their call felt unworthy. Isaiah said 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am of unclean lips, and dwell in the midst of people of unclean lips.' Paul said, 'For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God.' Peter said to Jesus, 'Depart from me, For I am a sinful man, Lord.' They were all humble. Humility gives you a sense of unworthiness and nothingness before God. We are all unworthy to come before the presence of God. Let us focus briefly on Peter.

Jesus was preaching by the lake and caught sight of two empty fishing boats. Jesus decided to enter one of them, Simon Peter's. Why did he pick Peter's?

Also, sometimes, disappointments may bring us blessings. Peter and his companions worked hard all night and caught nothing. It was the most disappointing night for them. Little did they know that God was nearby to change their story. If Peter and his companions had caught some fish that night, they would have gone home or to the market to sell their catch and would not have been there when Jesus came.

Sometimes when you have worked so hard without succeeding, do not give up. God may have other plans. With God all things are possible. Our God is a God of possibilities; he can write straight on a crooked line. God can bring out something wonderful from a bad situation. He can bring success out of failure. It was the failure of the night that gave them the huge catch of the morning.

But the morning success came because Peter trusted Jesus. If we must overcome weaknesses and challenges, we must have faith and trust in God. When Jesus told Peter to put out his net for a catch, he answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And we know what followed. The man who worked all night and failed, had the biggest success of his entire fishing career. That was faith at work. Faith can do the unimaginable; it can make the impossible possible.

'What God cannot do does not exist.' If he created the entire universe out of nothing, (Gen 1) if he parted the red sea for the people of Israel to cross, (Ex 14) if he became a human being and died on the cross to save us, (Jn 3: 16) if he raised the dead, (Jn 11: 38) cured the sick, (Mt 8) gave sight to the blind, (Mk 10: 46) made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak, (Mk 7: 31) if he raised Peter from being a fisherman to a fisher of men, (Lk 5) called him from nothingness to greatness; if he changed his failure to suc

cess, then he can do the same and more for you; you only need to listen to him, and trust his words. Peter said, 'Lord at your word I will let down the net.' Let go and let God. Listen to his word. Believe in the word of God. Trust Jesus. Jesus, I trust in you!

'O that today you will listen to his voice, harden not your hearts.' (Ps 94) God bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 3. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **Seventh Sunday, there will be a second collection** for the Clergy Support Fund. This fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for the clergy in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, his Church and his people. Donations ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests.
3. If there are any candidates for First Holy Communion this year, please will you contact the Parish Office, as soon as possible, to register.
4. 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.
5. **Please Note:** Building works at Sacred Heart have commenced. Please be very careful when entering and leaving the Church. We will try to limit any disruption during Masses.
6. 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.
7. Weekly collections for :Oct 24 £2,795; Nov £2,957, Dec £3,029



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 Anna Przbylski, Alice Hendrickx, Mary Arnold, Margaret Malone, Stephen White, Stuart Peter Hatcher, Vincent Prostack, Conor Gleeson, Wladyslaw Oczkowski, Joan Ryan, Anne Sullivan, Charles Meredith, Ruby Poile and Christopher Wheeler. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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