



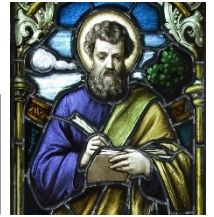
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**

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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



Sixth Sunday (C)

Week commencing 16th February 2025 Mass Book Page 139

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm 1:1-2, 3-4 ,6 Response: Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Saturday 15th February 12.00 Midday St Barnabas Church 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Baptism: Zoe Chifurumnanya Nkobodo Vigil Mass Racial Justice Day	
Sunday 16th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Racial Justice Day Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 16th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Racial Justice Day Holy Mass	Repose of the Soul of Angela Horrocks and comfort for her family.
Monday 17th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 18th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	
Wednesday 19th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	
Thursday 20th		
Friday 21st 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass -	Anana & Jimi Bode-Emmanuel, Special Intention
Saturday 22nd 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Seventh Sunday (C) Vigil Mass 2 nd Collection, Clergy Support Fund	
Sunday 23rd 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass 2 nd Collection, Clergy Support Fund	
10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass 2 nd Collection, Clergy Support Fund	Missa Pro Populo

REFLECTION Sixth Sunday (C)

In today's gospel Jesus said, 'Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God'. What did he mean by 'you poor'?

By the poor, Jesus was referring to people who whether materially rich or poor, put all their hope and trust in God. Those who know that they could not depend on the material things of this world to gain happiness. So, they are wise enough to seek all their joy and happiness from the Lord. No matter what they have or do not have, God means everything to them. Their joy and consolation come not from the things of this world, but from God.

It is this kind of childlike trust that Jesus wants his followers to have; no matter the challenge. As it is said, 'Work as if everything depended on you, but pray believing that everything depends on God.' Put your trust in the Lord. Our God is a God of possibilities not of probabilities. With him 'all things are possible.' Mt 19: 26. 'Can you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan?' Lk 12: 25. Jesus continued, 'Your Father knows that you need (these things). Instead, seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and these things will be given you also.' (Mt 6: 33)

People today put more trust in the things of the world than they do in God. They put their trust in money, their abilities, science, and technology. God is wiser than all the wisest human beings put together. God is richer than all the richest men and women and all the riches in the world put together. God is stronger than all the military of the world put together. Proverbs 3: 5 says, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart.' Ps 37: 4 says, 'Trust in him (God) and he will act.' Is 26: 7, 'Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.' Jn 14: 1, 'Let not your hearts be troubled, trust in the Lord.' Phillip 4: 19, God will supply all your needs according to his riches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 4. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **100 Club explanation.** Father Ethelbert and the Parish finance team would like to thank parishioners for their tremendous response to the announced launch of the 50/50 lottery (100 Club). The terms are very simple. Each month, however many tickets are sold at £2 each, £1 will be donated to the Hall fund and £1 will be distributed in prizes. There will be four prizes each month. First prize will be 50% of the prize pot, second prize 25%, third prize 15% and fourth prize 10% of the prize pot. A draw will be held at the coffee morning on the first Sunday of every month with the venue alternating between St Barnabas and the Sacred Heart. The first prize draw will take place at St Barnabas on Sunday 2nd March 2025. St Barnabas will warmly welcome all parishioners to the inaugural draw. Lizzi Payne has very kindly agreed to administer the 50/50 fund and supervise the draw. Tickets will be available to buy up until the Friday before the draw – this month it will be Friday 28th February. Please ring Lizzi on 01580211268 (07831252314) if you would like to participate. The results will be published in the following week's newsletter unless players request anonymity. **Good luck everyone!**
3. **In the quest to raise funds for the Parish projects, Justin Donegan has graciously agreed to lead a fund-raising committee.** This group will undertake to raise funds for the Parish project to build a hall for use by St Barnabas and the Sacred Heart in the coming years. He would very much like to hear from anyone wishing to participate, or with ideas on how to raise funds for the Parish, so that no stone is left unturned in our quest to raise the considerable sum needed to make our dream a reality. In the year of Hope being called by the Archbishop to allow our faith to flourish and bear fruit, we look to you all for help, no matter how small. **Please contact him on 07832367388 or by email: justindonegan1@gmail.com.**
4. **Next week, there will be a second collection** for the Clergy Support Fund. You will notice that the date on the envelope is wrong, it should read 23rd February. 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.
5. If there are any candidates for First Holy Communion this year, please will you contact the Parish Office, as soon as possible, to register.
6. 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.
7. **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.



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 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.*

ONLINE DONATIONS

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