



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst TN17 1DN  
and St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN18 4AH**

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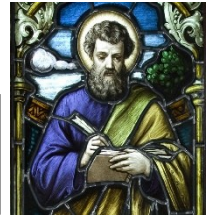
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 10:30am – 2:00pm

Parish Closed every Monday



**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

**Seventh Sunday (C)**

**Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 Mass Book Page 141**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 Response: The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>Morning</b> <b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Chair of St Peter, Feast Vigil Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection, <b>Clergy Support Fund</b>	Beatrice, Private Petitions
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection, <b>Clergy Support Fund</b>	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection, <b>Clergy Support Fund</b>	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass – Saint Ethelbert, King of Kent	Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi - Special Intention
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass - Feria	
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass - Feria	Mary Mavis Conn RIP
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Eighth Sunday (C ) Vigil Mass Day for the Unemployed	Missa Pro Populo
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b> 11.00am <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b> 6.00pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>THE SEASON OF LENT, <u>Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence</u></b> <b>Holy Mass – Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Holy Mass – Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Holy Mass – Ash Wednesday</b>	

## REFLECTION Seventh Sunday (C)

Today's readings 1Sam 26 and Luke 6 give us teachings on 'practical Christianity.' When David got the opportunity to kill King Saul who was after his life, he forgave him. He was following the words of Jesus. 'Love and forgive your enemies.' Even when one of his servants said to him when he got to Saul, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day; now therefore let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear,....' But David said, 'Do not destroy him; for who can put forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless.' David did what every Christian is expected to do. Forgive!

Sometimes we forget that we are disciples of Jesus, Christians. A Christian should have the heart of Jesus; a heart that loves and forgives. St Paul warned us in Rom 12: 2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world..." Jesus asked us to be different; to be light in a world enveloped by darkness; to give taste to a world that has lost the sense of taste and value. (Cf Mt 5: 13,14) To be different!

The old law was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." (Ex 21: 24; Lev 24: 19-21) Jesus changed it. He gave us a new law of love. "I say to you...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Lk 6: 27) Jesus added, 'As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.' Yes, do unto others as you would like them to do to you.

Have you heard about the 'law of the echo'? The law of the echo is this, "If you shout into an echo chamber, a shout will return to you. If you curse into an echo chamber; a curse will return to you. And if you sing into an echo chamber, a song will come back to you.

This can also apply to life. Sometimes you get back from life what you give to it. Jesus said today, "Judge not and you will not be judged; condemn not and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you..."

There is so much evil and rancour in the world today because people are not giving love. People are not forgiving others. People are giving evil. We are too busy. We shut out human beings from our life and replace them with gadgets and other things.

Learn to give, learn to forgive. Practice giving good things. Share God's goodness with others. Many of us do not give and that is why the world is suffering and empty of goodness and love. Let us fill our home and society and world with the goodness and love of God which is in us. The world will be a far better place if we gave more. Give of your time, give a smile, give a kind word, give encouragement, give respect, give happiness, give good example to the young, give forgiveness, give laughter, give peace, give a helping hand, give prayer, give hope. Let us give love! for love is all we need, love is the answer, love is the greatest. "Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 5. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **The second collection** this weekend is 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.
1. **100 Club explanation.** Each ticket costs £2. £1 will be donated to the Hall fund and £1 will be distributed in prizes. There will be four prizes each month. First prize 50% of the prize pot, second prize 25%, third prize 15% and fourth prize 10%. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. **Tickets will be available to buy up until the Friday before the draw – this month it will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 ticket holders request anonymity. **Good luck everyone! For those wishing to donate their winnings back to the church, Gift Aid is applicable. Please have your payments in place by 28<sup>th</sup> February.**
2. **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.**



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Grace Barbyer, Agnes Grabham, Francis Forrest, Suzanne Claire Quittenden, Bernard (Barney) Underwood, Malcolm Borland, Bozena Kohoutova and Patricia Simpson. *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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