



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

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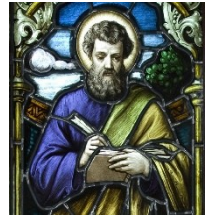
Parish Closed every Monday



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



Second Sunday of Lent (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ. O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Saturday 15th March 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass 2 nd Collection for CAFOD Fast Day	Repose of the Soul of Josie Cooke and comfort and healing for Peter.
Sunday 16th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass 2 nd Collection for CAFOD Fast Day	
Sunday 16th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass 2 nd Collection for CAFOD Fast Day	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 17th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 18th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	
Wednesday 19th 9.00am 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Feast of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass	Moyra, for God's healing during this difficult time.
Thursday 20th		
Friday 21st 9.00am 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass – Feria	

Saturday 22nd

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2025 Preacher: Fr Behruz Raf'at

Theme: "Yet even now", declares the Lord, "Return to me with all your heart". (Joel 2:12)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Talk

Confessions

Holy Mass

4.00pm

4.45pm

5.30pm ****Livestreamed**

Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

Sunday 23rd

08.30am

Holy Mass

St Barnabas, Hawkhurst

10.30am ****Livestreamed**

Holy Mass

Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

END OF PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2025

REFLECTION Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John to a mountain, and in their presence, he was transfigured. The transfiguration took place after Jesus told his disciples about his coming passion, that he would go to Jerusalem and suffer and be killed and rise on the third day. But Peter, and I guess the others, refused to accept that. Peter protested saying, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall happen to you." Poor Peter, he loved Jesus, but he was not in tune with God's plan. Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Mt 16: 22ff)

The transfiguration was to strengthen their faith when they would see Jesus during the passion, humiliated, "his face so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man." (Is 52: 14)

Some have asked why the church puts the reading of the transfiguration within Lent. It is partly because the transfiguration has close affinity with the agony of Jesus in the garden of gethsemane, the beginning of his passion. Let us see how:

Like the agony in the garden, which took place on a mountain, the mount of Olives, the transfiguration took place on a mountain also, Mount Tabor.

For the agony in the garden, Jesus took with him three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, so too with the transfiguration, he took the same three disciples.

Like at the agony, the three disciples fell asleep, at the transfiguration, they were fighting to stay awake.

Also, the transfiguration and the agony in the garden complement each other. On mount Tabor the three disciples saw Jesus in his divinity as God as they never did before. On the mount of Olives, on the other hand, they saw Jesus in a moment of agony, so humiliated; when his humanity shone through in a way it did before.

The events of the two mountains complement each other, they are like two sides of a coin; they show the two sides on the one person Jesus, the divine and the human. What message do these two mountain events have for us this Lent?

Like Jesus, though on a different level, we too have a twofold dimension about us. There is the divine and the human in each one of us. Like Jesus there are times the divine shines through us. We have this inner joy that words cannot describe, we feel so close to God and marvel at the beauty and goodness of God. That is our mount Tabor moment.

There are also times in our lives that our humanity takes over, we are weak and experience moments of agony and regret. We may even begin to doubt God.

When we feel either of these two moments in our lives, whenever we find ourselves on any of these mountains, especially the mount of Olives, we should remember that even Jesus was on these mountains. He too experienced the low and high points of life.

We should also remember something more important. We should remember that on both occasions, whether on mount Tabor or Olives, Jesus prayed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 8. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **Stations of the Cross** on Friday's of Lent at 9.00am before Mass, at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst.
3. **Lenten Reflections 2025: The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross.** At Mass on all Fridays of Lent, there will be a short Reflection on one of the Seven Last words of Jesus.
4. **Churches Together, Lent Lunches at Hawkhurst Baptist Church** are every Friday starting **21st March from 12.00 to 1.30pm until 18th April.** Everyone is very welcome.
5. **Stations of the Cross** on Friday's of Lent at 9.00am before Mass, at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst.
6. **Light a Candle for Lent** on Tuesday 18th March between 10am to noon. Theme: Come back to the Lord. Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn. Joel 2:13-14.'
7. There will be a **second collection** next weekend for **Poor Parishes.**
8. **The works** regarding the garden area around the car park at Sacred Heart are continuing. Thank you to everyone who has contacted us with suggestions. However, we now need the funding for this. If anyone would like to purchase a bird box or a plant in memory of a loved one, their name would then be added to our Memorial. Please contact Lizzy Payne on the Parish number or 07831252314.
9. **Please sign the form** at the back of the churches to say '**NO**' to **Assisted Suicide.**



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 Robert Holmes, Malcolm Joseph Butt, Tim Gower, Tom Faulkner, Margaret Body, Sue Ring, Margaret Banfield, Terence Burton, Sheila Boyce and Anthony Richards. *.Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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