



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

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 10:30am – 5:30pm

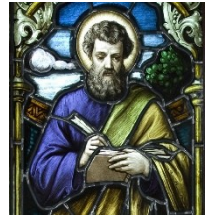
Parish Closed every Monday



**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



**HOLY WEEK, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Mass Book Page 184**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: Issaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philipians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> 5.30pm <b>**Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Vigil Mass	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30am <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30am <b>**Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Holy Mass	Edel Dillon RIP
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF</b>	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> 09.00am  10.00am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the Sanctity of human life <b>Confessions will be heard during this hour.</b> Holy Mass <b>No evening Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	The Rosary <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm Followed by	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration for one hour.	
<b>Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 10.15am 11.00am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>  11.30am <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>  3.00pm 3.10pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Walk of Witness from Sacred Heart to St Mary's Goudhurst, followed by refreshments</b>  <b>Walk of Witness from St Barnabas to the Baptist Church, Hawkhurst; followed by the last Lent Lunch at the Baptist Church</b>  <b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> <b>The Passion of our Lord</b> <b>Collection, Holy Places of Palestine</b>	

<b>Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b> <b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>  <b>Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>	Special Intention  In thanksgiving 62 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## REFLECTION for Palm Sunday 2025

Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday, as it is otherwise known is a central feast in the life of the Church. It commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal mystery. A key moment of the celebration is the blessing of palms and the procession that follows immediately. The procession is usually a festive phenomenon. In some countries, the procession can go on for several miles, accompanied with hymns and waving of palm branches in praise and thanksgiving to Christ.

This reminds us of the rapturous welcome Jesus received as he came into Jerusalem more than two thousand years ago for the celebration of the Jewish feast of the Passover. On that occasion, “many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut from the field. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, “Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of Our Father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (John 12: 12-13)

In commemorating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation, the Passion Sunday also marks the start of the Holy Week the most sacred period in the Christian Calendar. The week is important because the key events of Christ’s paschal mystery took place during the Holy Week, beginning with his arrest and interrogation and condemnation to death by crucifixion by Pilate. We can think also of the institution of the Priesthood and the institution of the Holy Eucharist which took place on Holy Thursday What about his crucifixion and death? This took place on Good Friday. Holy Saturday commemorates the period Jesus lay in the tomb until he was raised by the Father on the third day, so that the entire Holy Week consummates with the feast of Easter.

As we commence the Holy week today it is important we are generous in following Jesus closely, so that sharing in his passion we will also rise with him at Easter. We have followed him closely throughout the forty days of Lent and it is important to stay close to him as he completes the work of our salvation. If we follow the passion narrative closely we will observe that there are many characters that make it up. We must endeavour to contemplate the event of the passion as it unfolds and try to relive the emotions as possibly as we can with reference to our contemporary situation. We must not only admire Jesus in his patience, perseverance, love and self-giving but we also resolve to reproduce the same pattern in our lives by imitating his example. Let us ask him to re-ignite his love in our heart so that burning with love for him we can unite ourselves with his passion so as to share in his glory.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of **Luke 12**. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **Please donate towards the cost of flowers for our churches to greet our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.**
3. The second collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places of Palestine. This collection is sent for the upkeep of the centers of veneration and pilgrimage connected with Our Lord’s Passion and for schooling in the area.
4. **Your Easter Offering is your personal gift to your Parish Priest; and it only happens twice a year.**



**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 Mary Rourke, Rose Margaret Poile, Donald Gagnor, Joan Forrest, Eleanor Ruth Cordeiro, Lois Hosking, Timothy Furlonge, Connie de Wilton, Eileen McGuire, Joanna Smith, Frank Samuels, Anne Buckley, Thomas Stanley Hosking, John Lory Hosking and Francis Meynell. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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