



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst 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

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

**SUNDAY, 29th JUNE 2025**

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading: Acts 12:1-11**

**Responsorial Psalm: 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free,**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19**

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> 5:30pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES, SOLEMNITY</b> Vigil Mass 2nd Collection Peter's Pence	Missa Pro Populo
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<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF</b>	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> 6:00pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – Feria	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:30am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – Feria	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Thomas, Apostle, Feast</b>	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass - Feria	
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 5:30pm <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b> Vigil Mass	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30am <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
<b>10.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	



## REFLECTION - SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

To do the will of God in every situation of our lives and so make a success of our vocation we need a lot of patience and perseverance. If we study closely the lives of saints, we see that they possess these virtues and, in the end, these qualities account for the success they made of their lives. We can think here of the two greatest apostles of our faith, Sts Peter and Paul. Apart from their immense contributions, what is instructive about them is what they went through in order to achieve the success for which we celebrate them today. They suffered so much and we can never correctly estimate the extent of their sufferings as they gave everything to the faith; indeed their lives. Both of them suffered martyrdom in the end at various times, the highest service one could possibly render to God – Peter first and then Paul.

When we think of all these, we should be immensely encouraged knowing full well that whatever we go through in our contemporary situation can only serve as raw material for our formation and, indeed, realization of the will of God for us. Their life and example should inspire us to persevere through any situation, knowing full well that God never let down those who trust him. From them we must learn patience and perseverance while we wait upon the Lord.

There is no doubt that, like St Peter and Paul, we will once in a while find ourselves in situations that overwhelm us. In such situations we must not doubt that God is near and will rescue us from all our terrors if we trust in him. As we wait upon the Lord and focus on his presence our situation does not remain the same as the presence of God has a way of transforming us interiorly even in the confusion of the contemporary moment.

We must never doubt that his grace is sufficient. Indeed, one fundamental truth of our faith we must always keep before us is the truth about the superiority and sufficiency of divine providence to meet the demands of every occasion and situation. The more we entrust ourselves to divine providence, the more we experience the miracles of God in our lives. The truth is that there is nothing the Lord cannot do. God is God of surprises who specializes in difficult situations. The more stubborn and hopeless the situation is the greater the guarantee that he can do something.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 23. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. Welcome to Fr William Hebburn and Fr Christopher Connor who are attending the First Holy Communion ceremony and Congratulations to Gemma, Isabel, Maria and Santi who will receive their First Holy Communion on **Sunday 29th June at the 10.30am Mass.**
3. **Peter's Pence 2nd collection** will be on **Saturday/Sunday 29th June**. This collection helps to produce the means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church.
4. **SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.** There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year. For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>. There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. Further information is available from Bishop Paul [paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk) or Canon Perera [edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)
5. Please will you inform Father Damian 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 prayers.

Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family, Marion Weeks, Geaft Weeks, Jenny Doyle, Chris Davis, Jasmin Cameron and Vilma Fernandez.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of John Ranger Brian Doherty, Lily Doherty, Grace Smith, Robert Wonters, Ila Burton, Jane Nutt, Mark Barron, Bryan James Samuels, Mary Riordan, Paul Dyer, Nicholas Morland and Frank Douglas. *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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