



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst TN17 1DN
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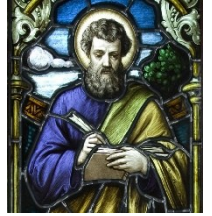


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart, SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass
St Barnabas, SUNDAY 8.00am before Mass



NINETEENTH SUNDAY (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9

Responsorial Psalm: 33:1,12,18,19,20,22 Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Saturday 9th August 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	Repose of the Soul of Alex Martin and comfort for his family.
Sunday 10th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Maureen Allanson for her healing.
Sunday 10th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 11th	FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed) St Clare, Virgin, Memorial	
Tuesday 12th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Wednesday 13th 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	Safe travels for Father Ethelbert and grateful thanks for all he has done for us.
Thursday 14th 10am to 12 noon Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, Memorial Light a Candle for the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Friday 15th 9.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst 12.30pm 7.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity Holy Mass Holyday of Obligation Funeral of Elizabeth Mann, Sacred Heart, Goudhurst Holy Mass	William Peter Conn RIP
Saturday 16th 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Twentieth Sunday (C) Vigil Mass	Barbara Fletcher for her healing & wellbeing for Sonja
Sunday 17th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 17th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Gratitude for the arrival of 2 nd granddaughter Iris Elizabeth Oates on 19 July.

REFLECTION, NINETEENTH SUNDAY (C)

We must keep in mind that this world is not our home. We are pilgrims on earth; we are on a journey towards our heavenly home. As Scripture tells us, our span is seventy years and eighty for those who are strong. While we are here, therefore, we must bear in mind the purpose of our existence, remembering that this life is a preparation for the life to come, so that the manner we live out our lives here has a bearing on our future state. God created us to know him, to love him and to serve, so that at the end of our lives we can be happy with him forever in heaven.

If we are to attain our heavenly destination, it is important to live a life that is pleasing to God. In this context, nothing is as important as putting to maximum use the resources the Lord has given us. We must use our resources to make wise investment for the future – our eternal future. Practically, this means we must live such that our lives make a positive difference in our family, in our community, in our place of work, and indeed, in the life of anyone we come in contact with. We should become a source of blessing to others by using our talents, time and treasure in making a positive difference. This is the best way to prepare for the end that must surely come.

No one knows the hour or the time when the son of man will come. Nonetheless, it is important that he finds us ready whenever he comes, whether it is in the third watch, or the sixth watch or the ninth watch. The proper attitude to adopt, if we are not to be caught napping, is vigilance. Concretely, vigilance implies that we are so attentive to our purpose of being here that we maximize the benefits of each moment by investing wisely in doing good works.

If we make the best of every moment, we need to be afraid of death; for, it will be clear that each moment is a preparation to meet our Lord. We do not need any special preparation than to live as he wants us to live. There could be no better preparation than to live in God and live for God every moment. If we truly live in God and live for God, we will be moved to expend our resources wisely.

If we learn to walk by faith rather than sight, living a full life each moment of our existence will come to us naturally, and there could be no better way to prepare ourselves for our eternal home. The issue of living in the present and making the best of each moment as preparation for heaven is so important that it demands our constant attention. We need to interrogate ourselves periodically, whether we are putting our resources to full use or not. This periodic or continual interrogation of our motivation for living is part and parcel of the dynamics of what it means to be vigilant. It is more or less a sort of self-examination and, if done properly, it will not only help to preserve our focus, it will also have a positive impact on our actual performance in respect of how we utilize our resources. This life is too short to waste our time and resources on matters of marginal importance.

A full consciousness of the contingency of human life should intensify our determination to make the best of every moment and live as if it were our last moment. If we are driven by such passion, there is no doubt that the coming of the son of man will find us ready, whenever that happens, and we would be more than happy retrospectively, that all our sacrifices have not been in vain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin it is a holyday of obligation. There will be mass at St Barnabas at 9.30am and Sacred Heart, Goudhurst at 7.00pm.**
- Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 5. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
- We will be having a wonderful “Send-off” for Father Ethelbert on Sunday 10th August to wish him Bon Voyage. Bernadette and David Masters has kindly offered to host the party at their home at Triggs Farm, Goudhurst TN17 1DS at 4.00pm. The lane is opposite the Goudhurst Inn Car Park.**
- If you would like to leave a gift for Father Ethelbert, the card machine has been set up to receive your gift. Alternatively, you can leave a card or donation at the back of each church in the purple boxes, or give to Father or Lizzi Payne who will give them to Father Ethelbert. Online Bank payments please reference: “Fr Ethelbert Gift” We are all very sad to see him go, he will be a great loss to us all and we have much to thank him for. God Bless you Father.
- You are invited to Light a Candle for Mary on Thursday 14th August at Sacred Heart Church between 10am - 12 noon.**
- Winners of the 100 Club Draw: 1st J Oliphant £112; 2nd B Masters 56.00; 3rd M Terrell £33.60; 4th A Moten £22.40. If there are any parishioners who would like to join the 100 Club, please contact Lizzi for details.
- Youth retreat-** on Saturday 13 September, 11am- 4pm, for 13-17 year olds including talks, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Location St. George's Cathedral Primary School. Details at [Youth Retreat - 13 September: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Jack Benton, Toni Markley Aimes, Terry Wilkinson, Maree Alexander, Margaret Peel, Olga Gudimenko, Zoe Schurmann, Margaret Oczkowska, Peter Cornelius, Lucy Watson and Henry Hayward. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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