



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

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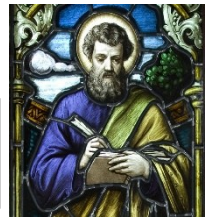


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, **Response:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Saturday 11th 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families Vigil Mass 2 nd Collection Prisoner Sunday	
Sunday 8:30am 12th St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families Holy Mass 2 nd Collection Prisoner Sunday	Shalom, Special intention
Sunday 12th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families Holy Mass 2 nd Collection Prisoner Sunday	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 13th	FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)	
Tuesday 14th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Wednesday 15th October 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Saint Teresa of Jesus, (of Avila) Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
Thursday 16th Sacred Heart, Goudhurst		
Friday 17th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial	Rita and Alethia Conn RIP
Saturday 18th 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Mission Day, Day of Prayer Vigil Mass 2 nd Collection Missio	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 19th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	World Mission Day, Day of Prayer for the evangelisation of the world. Holy Mass 2 nd Collection Missio	
Sunday 19th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Mission Day, Day of Prayer for the evangelisation of the world. Holy Mass 2 nd Collection Missio	

REFLECTION, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)

When we are grateful for favours received from God, not only is God pleased with us but we also position ourselves to receive more favours from God. The way to increase our blessings, therefore, is to be thankful for everything. But the problem is that we take God's blessings for granted and fail to show appreciation for his goodness to us. We know how to make requests but we show no appreciation upon receiving what we ask.

Such is the situation in today's gospel in respect of the encounter between Jesus and the ten lepers. In their great need the lepers were quick to invite Jesus into their situation. But only one returned to thank Jesus after they had been cleansed of their leprosy. When he realized he had been healed he turned back and praised God with a loud voice and fell on his face at the feet of Jesus, giving him thanks. The ingratitude of the other nine who did not return to give thanks, prompted Jesus to remark, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" In praising the one who returned to give thanks, Jesus concluded by saying, "Rise and go your way: your faith has made you well."

The ingratitude of the other nine lepers contrasts sharply with Namaan's attitude in the first reading. Like the leper that returned to thank Jesus Namaan did not fail to show appreciation to Prophet Elisha after he had been cured of his leprosy. In fact, moved by a deep sense of appreciation for what Elisha had done for him, he overwhelmed Elisha with gifts, even as Elisha refused to accept the gifts, prompting Naaman to transfer the gifts to Elisha's servant who had played a key role in mediating Namaan's cure by prevailing on him to bathe in the Jordan as Elisha had instructed him.

What is clear is that there is a strong correlation between faith and gratitude. When we approach each situation of life with faith, we will not fail to acknowledge God's goodness to us. Being mindful of God's intervention in our lives will elicit in us sentiments of gratitude and appreciation, meaning that we cannot hold back from praising him or showing our appreciation either by offering him gifts, or by resolving to amend our lives.

If only we can take time to think of God's goodness to us, we will always be filled with a sense of gratitude and appreciation. It is only someone who lacks faith that will fail to perceive the goodness of God in his life. Such lack of faith will mean that we will always be poor for, even when we have been blessed by God, we may not see that he has blessed us but may persist in complaining that we do not have enough. On the contrary, if we are people of faith, even in what seems to be a situation of not having enough we will perceive that God provides for us and, as a result, we thank God for everything.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 13. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **October is a month for the Rosary.** For those who recite five decades of the rosary in church or at home as a family gain a plenary indulgence daily. A partial indulgence is available for those who recite the Litany of Loreto (Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Wikipedia) and the Prayer to Saint Joseph (Prayer to Saint Joseph – Wikipedia). For more details see Liturgical Year: October: Month of the Holy Rosary Catholic Culture.
3. **Light a Candle for Mary, at Sacred Heart Church on 23rd October, 10.00-12.00.**
4. **We are desperate for readers at St Barnabas Church.** If you are interested, please contact Lizzi on 07831252314.
5. **Second Collection, Sunday 12th October 2025, PACT,** for the support of prisoners and their families.
6. **Section Collection Sunday 19th October 2025, MISSIO,** to help support churches, hospitals schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.
7. **The Autumn Fair, Saturday, 15th November 2025, 9.30am-12.00. Yes, it is that time again that we need your help with donations for the: Tombola, Plant stall, Books, Pictures & Prints, Bric-a-Brac, Homemade Cakes, Jams, Chutneys and Bread. Toiletries, Candles and Gifts. Toys & Games & More. RAFFLE.**
8. Many parishioners chose to sponsor the first volume of our parish mass books to a loved one, with their name printed on a decorated label on the inside cover. This is the second volume of the six parts of the three year liturgical cycle. Please email the parish office to let us know if you would like to donate £5.00, in the memory of (or to whom, if the person is living) each mass book should be dedicated. Please also tell us how many of the remaining five volumes of the cycle you would like to sponsor.



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, Vilma Fernandez and Bukiwe

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Marlene Codd, Philip Morley, Stephen Butterworth, Sybil Ann Ryan, Fr Peter Nkomazana, Violet Elizabeth McGrath, Teresa Casey, Alexina Egan, Martha Pearson, Margaret Millis, Nora Nicholson, Peggy Wheeler, Jim Crouch and Bernard Smith. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

ONLINE DONATIONS, BANK DETAILS,

NatWest Bank: RCAS Sacred Heart Goudhurst,
Account No: 59004576 Sort Code: 60 06 18

Gift Aid: Please add your envelope number & name as a reference

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