



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

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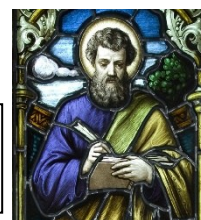


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading : Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm: 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8 Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke: 18:1-8

Saturday 18th 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Mission Day, Day of Prayer for the evangelisation. Vigil Mass 2 nd Collection Missio Sunday	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 19th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	World Mission Day, Day of Prayer for the evangelisation Holy Mass 2 nd Collection Missio Sunday	Special intention
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 Sunday	
Monday 20th	FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)	
Tuesday 21st 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Wednesday 22nd 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Thursday 23rd Sacred Heart, Goudhurst		
Friday 24th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Saturday 25th 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 26th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 26th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	

REFLECTION, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (C)

The gospel today reminds us of the need to be persistent in prayer, not to lose heart or give up on any matter we commit to God in prayer but wait patiently upon the Lord until our request is granted. This is the basic lesson that the widow in the gospel teaches us. She would not allow herself to be discouraged by the negative attitude of the judge who refused to acknowledge her right. Rather than give up, she persisted in pressing him until her persistence moved the wicked judge to consider and grant her request. Overwhelmed by the force of her persistence, he reasoned to himself that it was better to give the woman what she wanted than allow her to pester him to death.

The exchange between the widow and the judge demonstrates the importance of persistence as a condition for success in anything we do in life. Unless we have the capacity to persist in what we do, we can never succeed in anything we do. This is especially true of prayer. Unless our prayer possesses the quality of persistence it can hardly be effective.

In telling the parable Jesus wanted to commend the persistence of the widow and how it helped her to obtain what she wanted. More importantly, Jesus wanted to establish a contrast between the wicked judge and God our Father in heaven and assure us that with God we will always get a better deal if we persist in prayer.

The judge neither had the fear of God or respect for man, yet he was moved by the woman's persistence. If this is the case, we should expect much better results from God, for God is not only good – and good all the time, but he is also all knowing and all powerful. He knows everything and he can do everything. Moreover, he is also all benevolent, so that all the time he has our best interest at heart.

If we truly understand the nature of God, if we truly understand that he always means the best for us, we will never give up on anything we have committed to him, even when it appears there is apparently no answer to our prayer or when such answer appears to be slow in coming. Our understanding of God should in such circumstances motivate us to persist in seeking what we request and wait patiently upon him until our request is granted. Lord grant us the sort of faith that never gives up until our request is granted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 14. 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 drivers to take Father to Mass on a Sunday Morning to St Barnabas Church and back again to Goudhurst.** If you are able to help, please contact Lizzi on 07831252314. We thank all our current drivers who do a wonderful job. You are hugely appreciated.
5. **Second Collection Sunday 19th October 2025, MISSIO**, to help support churches, hospitals schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.
6. **The Autumn Fair, Saturday, 15th November 2025, 9.30am-12.00.** 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.**
7. 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 Violet Elizabeth McGrath, Teresa Casey, Alexina Egan, Martha Pearson, Margaret Millis, Nora Nicholson, Peggy Wheeler, Jim Crouch, Bernard Smith, Beryl Millis, Mary Sullivan, Thomas Knight, Norah Ryan, Isabella Wilkins, Fred Cluley, Betty Hosking, Geoffrey Parton and Dr Margaret (Rita) Black. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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Account No: 59004576 Sort Code: 60 06 18

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