



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

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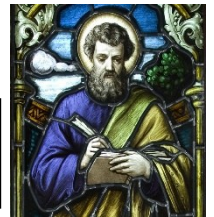


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart, SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass
St Barnabas, SUNDAY 8:00am before Mass



ALL SAINTS

Week commencing 2nd November 2025

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading : Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: 24: 1-2, 3-4b, 5-6 Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord and I will give you rest. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday 1st November 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	All Saints, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation Vigil Mass	
Sunday 2nd 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	All Saints, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation Holy Mass	
Sunday 2nd 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	All Saints, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 3rd 11.00am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst 7.00pm **Livestreamed** Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, ALL SOULS DAY Mass Mass	
Tuesday 4th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial	
Wednesday 5th 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Thursday 6th Sacred Heart, Goudhurst		
Friday 7th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – The Dedication of the Cathedral of St George, Feast	
Saturday 8th 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast Vigil Mass 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal Fund	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 9th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast Holy Mass 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal Fund	
Sunday 9th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast Holy Mass 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal Fund	

REFLECTION, ALL SAINTS (C)

We are pilgrims on earth, meaning that we do not have a real home in this world. Our true home is heaven and our earthly sojourn is a preparation for our heavenly home. If we live our lives in accordance with God's plan for us by doing his will we shall be reunited with him in heaven at the end of our sojourn here on earth; we shall share in his heavenly glory and be happy with him forever.

This is the state of existence the saints triumphant have now achieved; hence we celebrate them. Having been through their earthly pilgrimage—often characterized by sorrow, suffering, disappointment and temptation—and having passed the test of faith and love through their perseverance, they have arrived at their heavenly destination. They are now united with God forever in beatific vision, with no more pain or sorrow or disappointment. Their souls are now at peace with God.

The saints triumphant remind us that there is no other way to heaven than living a holy life. Only holiness of life guarantees the rewards of heaven. This practically means we must embrace the life of the beatitudes which can be summed up in the double demand of love of God and love of neighbour. Living a life of love presupposes that we are ready to invest our resources in good works for the sake of God, without counting the cost. It presupposes that in any given situation our concern is to give our best, even when we face discouragement of all kinds.

The beatitudes more or less embody the magna carta of Christian life. To live by what they entail amounts to reproducing the life of Christ in our contemporary situation. When we do so we have the assurance that the merits of Christ will secure our eternal inheritance. This is what the saints triumphant were able to replicate in their various contexts. In this sense they constitute example and inspiration for us, indicating clearly that, if we follow in the footsteps of Christ, we too would arrive at our heavenly destination just as they have done.

The saints triumphant not only provide us with inspiration and example on the path to heaven, but they also support us with prayer; for, having been through what we currently experience, they know how much we require the grace of God in order to make the best of our situation. Hence, they never cease to intercede for us with God.

We really need to ask ourselves today, whether we are doing as much as we could do in living our Christian commitment. Are we investing our time, talents and treasures in good works as much as we can do? The example and inspiration of the saints should fire us with fresh motivation to make the best of our lives here on earth so that, at the end of our earthly sojourn, we too will have the privilege of being welcome into our heavenly home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 16. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **Monday 3rd November All Souls Day, St Barnabas, Hawkhurst at 11.00am and at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst at 7.00pm**
3. **100 Club October monthly draw** will be this Sunday at St Barnabas Church together with teas and coffees. **Please make sure that you are all paid up for October before the draw!**
4. **The Autumn Fair, Saturday, 15th November 2025, 9.30am-12.00. HELP please, we are desperate for 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. And don't forget the RAFFLE – a donation for a world cruise would also be amazing!! Please leave the donations at the Presbytery between the hours of 10.30am and 2.30pm on Friday 14th November or at the back of both churches after Mass. NB: Please no electrical items.**
5. **2nd Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal Fund Sunday 9th November 2025, for Youth and Evangelization, our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation.** Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and schools through South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2025. Every gift is welcome.
6. **We urgently need 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.



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Andrew Hendrickx, Elmore Roberts, Gwennie Greenwood, Violet May Dee, William Connolly, Robin Manwaring, Dorothy Billson, Ian Gray, Dr Dermot Healy, Sara Fernandez, Jeff Sharp, May O'Grady, Sonia Hill and Richard Unterberge, *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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