



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

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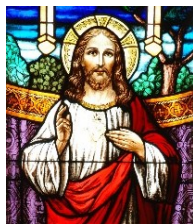
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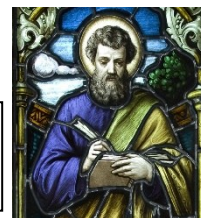


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Week commencing 9th November 2025

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading : Ezekiel 47::1-2, 8-9,12

Responsorial Psalm: 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Response: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-27

Saturday 8th November 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast Vigil Mass REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal Fund	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 9th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast Holy Mass REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal Fund	
Sunday 9th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast Holy Mass REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal Fund	
Monday 10th	FATHER'S DAY OFF Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
Tuesday 11th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop, Memorial	
Wednesday 12th 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial	
Thursday 13th		
Friday 14th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Saturday 15th 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Thirty-Third Sunday World Day of the Poor Vigil Mass	
Sunday 16th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass World Day of the Poor	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 16th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass World Day of the Poor	

REFLECTION, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Jesus' response to the Sadducees who do not believe in the resurrection as recounted in today's gospel reminds us that as important as marriage is, marriage is not an eternal union. On the contrary, it is something circumscribed to the here and now although when the commitment of marriage is faithfully lived out, it becomes an investment for eternal life like every other commitment; a means of sanctification of the persons involved and a means of preparing them for heaven.

The high point of the answer of Jesus is that there is no marriage in heaven, so that it amounts to a complete misunderstanding of the nature of things to wonder whether the woman would be married to all the seven brothers in the next life. The point of Jesus in answering like this, certainly, is not to undermine the sacrament of marriage but rather it is to indicate that what is important is to live well in this life, so as to secure our eternal inheritance.

We deduce from the answer of Jesus that the kingdom of God is neither a physical reality nor a biological reality, where what matters are physical and biological ties. On the contrary, the kingdom of God is a wholly spiritual reality in which physical and biological bonds are transcended, so that the focus is our relationship with God as his children and what he demands of us; that we live as God wants us to live by being obedient to his commands. The whole point of creating us is that we share in the divine life of God and live with him forever. This life of communion with God is supposed to start even as we are here in this world and the goal of realizing it fully should really inform all our activities in this world.

It is in this sense that everything in this life is a sacrament, so far as it points us to our future destiny and life of communion with God. Consequently, if we live our lives here on earth such as to please God by using everything at our disposal for the glory of God, we are sure to attain our eternal inheritance at the end of our sojourn here on earth.

Thus, if we take into account the ultimate purpose of human life here on earth as reunion with God in heaven in beatific vision, we begin to understand the larger significance of Jesus' answer to the Sadducees, namely, that we use everything at our disposal as a means of working out our salvation. If we live our lives such as to make the best of every opportunity, we are truly making an investment for eternal life.

Consequently, far from undermining the sacrament of marriage the answer of Jesus clarifies the ultimate purpose of marriage and, as such, is also an invitation to make the best of it by being good husbands and wives here on earth, so that our marriage life and commitments contributes to our accomplishment of our eternal inheritance. Interestingly, what is true of the marriage commitment is also true of all other commitments in this life. It is by making the best of them that we guarantee our eternal salvation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 17. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **Thursday 13th November** you are invited to **Light a Candle for All Souls** between 10.00 and midday at Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst.
3. **We have one week to go before The Autumn Fair on Saturday, 15th November 2025, 9.30am-12.00.** and we are still 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 trip up the Seine 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.**
4. **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.
5. **The Red Boxes for Missio** are due for annual emptying this month. Please bring them to the church over the next two weeks. Thank you.
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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of The Fallen Soldiers 11/11/18, Laura Cobb, Hortensia Correra, Melvin Ruviano, Muriel Oliphant-Mark, Peter Swainston and Peter Albertini. *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

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

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