



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

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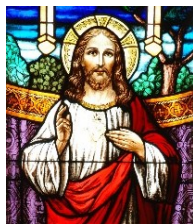
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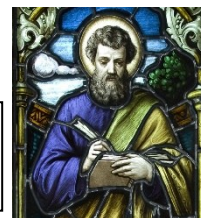


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

Week commencing 23rd November 2025

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading : 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: 122: 1-2, 4-5, , Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Saturday 22nd November 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 23rd 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Holy Mass	
Sunday 23rd 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Holy Mass Reception of Jasmin Cameron into the Catholic Church	Anthony Downing, Birthday Blessing
Monday 24th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 25th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Wednesday 26th 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Thursday 27th		
Friday 28th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	Guy Page RIP
Saturday 29th Midday 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	First Sunday of Advent (A) Baptism of Penelope Page Vigil Mass	
Sunday 30th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	First Sunday of Advent (A) Holy Mass	
Sunday 30th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	First Sunday of Advent (A) Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo

REFLECTION, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

With our celebration today of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we come to the end of the Liturgical year. The solemnity of Christ the king reminds us of the final victory of Christ, the fact that Christ will hand over the kingdom to God after enduring much suffering, on account of his mission of saving mankind. Christ's triumph over death and Satan is evidence of God's fidelity. Having burdened him with the task of saving mankind and establishing the reign of God on earth, God could not have allowed his enemies to prevail over him. Thus, if Christ suffered and endured shame it was only for a while. Christ himself was aware of this and he never doubted his Father's fidelity even at the heart of his passion; hence the courage and perseverance he demonstrated.

In celebrating the kingship of Christ his faithfulness, no less than the fidelity of God, provides us plenty of food for thought. Yes, God the father was faithful to his son. Yet if his son had been unfaithful, the project would not have succeeded. On the contrary Christ was faithful from start to finish, from the incarnation to the resurrection and even beyond – if we consider that he sits now at the right hand of the Father where he continues to intercede for us in ceaseless application of his paschal mystery to our cause. Indeed, in his characteristic humility, Christ accepted the will of the Father despite the inherent contradiction involved in his passion.

Yet in submitting himself to all this in the spirit of filial obedience, he did not allow himself to be deterred by persecution, which virtually became his daily food, despite all his good works. Paradoxically his patience, humility and love will turn out to be his greatest strength; the secret of his victory in the end. Indeed, as he once taught his disciples, his perseverance turned out to be his greatest investment. For, the Father vindicated him when it mattered most and put all his detractors to shame by raising him from the dead. Instructively in doing this, God transformed the cross, the instrument of his punishment and humiliation, into an instrument of salvation – a means through which everyone will make their return to God.

Jesus, we must learn the importance of faithfulness and perseverance. No victory comes easily. No success comes without sweat. The way to win is to remain steadfast. The whole point of our Christian life is to achieve heaven at the end of our lives here on earth. This can never come to us easily. It will involve struggle at various levels. Unless we are prepared to hold on to the end, we may never come through successfully. In the process we are bound to face many temptations but if we fix our gaze on Christ we will receive not only inspiration but also strength and confidence to persevere, despite all odds, until we arrive safely at our heavenly destination.

The solemnity of Christ the King is a sure guarantee of our victory. It assures us that if we unite ourselves with Christ and allow him to lead and guide us through every moment of our lives, we will eventually come to take the place he has made ready for us in heaven. We must not allow what he has invested in us, at a huge cost, to be in vain. His blood, shed for our redemption, must yield abundant and positive fruits in our lives. It must yield the fruit of obedience, fruit of patience, fruit of repentance; it must yield fruits of faith, hope and love and perseverance—fruits that will sustain us on our journey in this vale of tears until we arrive safely at his feet in heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are happy to receive **Jasmin Cameron** into the Catholic Church and becoming part of our community in Goudhurst.
2. **Autumn Fair:** A huge thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this happen, to those who donated and to those who supported us on the day. We made over £1,655 with maybe a bit more to come. Well done everyone.
3. **23rd November, Second Collection for Catholic Youth** Services which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.
4. With winter getting ever closer and fallen leaves getting slippery, if you feel unsteady using the steps at Sacred Heart Church, please use the ramp at the back from the car park. The door will be open for you and a welcome awaits.
5. **Mass Intentions** – In the Catholic Church, a Mass intention refers to a specific prayer request or intention for which a priest offers the Mass. This practice allows individuals to dedicate the graces of the Mass to a particular need, whether it be for the well-being of a living person, the repose of a deceased soul, or to express gratitude.
6. **The Red Boxes for Missio are due for annual emptying this month. Please bring them to the church by 30th November. Thank you.**
7. **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. THANK YOU.**



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Leslie Atkinson, Catherine Scarlett, Christine Bodger, Vera Crouch, Marian Fraczyk and Guy Page. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace. . 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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