



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent**

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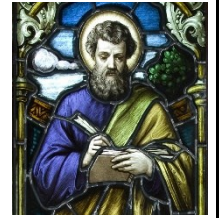
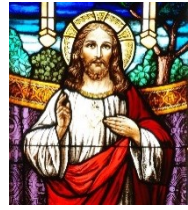
Priest in Charge : Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi

Parish Secretary: Lizzi Payne

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 10:30am – 2:00pm

Parish Closed every Monday

Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 21st March 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 20th April 5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	James Grier RIP Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Sunday 21st 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass – World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 21st 10:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious	Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing

Monday 22nd

FATHER'S DAY OFF

Tuesday 23rd 6.00pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Saint George, Martyr	Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Wednesday 24th 9.00am 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass –Feria	Bimbo Odumosu, Healing Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
Thurs 25th		No Mass	
Friday 26th 9.00am 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass - Feria	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 27th 5.30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention Adenike Adeniran, Healing and wellbeing Yetunde Ogunseye, Thanksgiving and healing
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REFLECTION Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) 2024

Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter, (Good Shepherd or Vocation Sunday). Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep (Jn 10: 11). The shepherd leads the sheep out daily to find pasture. Sometimes the shepherd leads the sheep to distant places, through areas with wild animals that could attack them. The shepherd is always ready to defend the sheep even with his life.

The shepherd, especially the one who owns the flock is always with the sheep night and day. He knows the sheep individually. He knows the strengths and weaknesses of each. He knows which one is prone to straying from others and which is sick. Because of the care and closeness, the sheep also know the shepherd. They know his voice. He would call and they would heed his voice.

Like the shepherd Jesus knows us individually in a deeply personal way. He knows how weak or strong we are. He knows our hopes and fears. He knows our yesterday, today, and tomorrow. No matter how weak or sinful we are, no matter how many times we have failed him, he never deserts us. Even when we stray, Jesus is ready to leave the 99 sheep and go in search of us.

We are also shepherds. We share in the mission of Jesus to care, and protect, and love.

A father is a shepherd in the home when he takes care of his family, when his love for the family supersedes all other considerations. A mother is a shepherd when she is loving and dutiful and imparts good Christian values upon the children. A teacher is a shepherd when they take time to teach and give more time or attention to weaker students. A doctor or nurse is a shepherd when they pay attention to the patients and give that extra care to a needy patient. A politician is a shepherd when he does not lie to the electorate, when he puts the common good above his own personal ambition. A priest is a shepherd when he truly offers himself for the benefit of the spiritual wellbeing of the people of God. When he is available to them, teaches them the gospel values; when he is a light of love, hope, and consolation in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Gardening Party** at The Presbytery, Goudhurst. 27th April, between 10.30 and 12.30. Teas/coffees/etc will be provided. Please bring gardening tools with you. This is always a fun occasion. Also please park in the Car Park. Many thanks.
2. There will be a **Second collection** on Sunday **21st April** for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.
3. There will be a **Second collection** on Sunday **28th April** for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.
4. Would anyone be prepared to help with the Goudhurst Fete and Dog Show on **8th June**? Running the stall or just contributing. If you are able to help, please will you let the Office know as soon as possible. Many thanks.
5. Does anyone have a small laptop with Word that they don't need anymore or would like to sell to the Presbytery? Please call the Presbytery Office if you can help.
6. We are looking for a small automatic car for Father Ethelbert. If you know of any, please let the Office know. Thank you.
7. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.
8. Please will you inform Father Ethelbert of any parishioners who are sick and would like a visit, and if they would like their names to appear in our Newsletter for our prayers.



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family, **Maria West**

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of **Rowland Firth, Joe O'Grady, Jo Chenery, Delia Pemble, Mrs Norman, Patrick Coyne, Denis Eccles, Bernard Myles.**

ONLINE DONATIONS

BANK DETAILS

NatWest Bank: RCAS Sacred Heart Goudhurst, Sort Code: 60 06 18, Account No: 59004576
Gift Aiders please add your envelope number and name as a reference