



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

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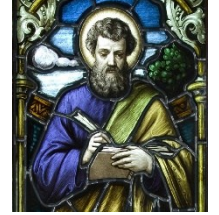
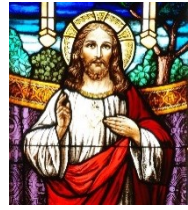
Priest in Charge : Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3rd March 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:8-11 **Response:** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation: John 11:25, 26 **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel: John 2:13-25

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Saturday 2nd 10.30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Baptism	
5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Valerie Smith RIP
Sunday 3rd 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 3rd 10:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	1.Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention 2.Mary Conn & Peter Hansell RIP 3.Thomas Baker RIP 4.Rose-Anne Ukpabi RIP

Monday 4th

FATHER'S DAY OFF

Tuesday 5th 6.00pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	
Wednesday 6th 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass –Feria	
Thurs 7th		Saints Perpetua and Felicity Martyrs (Optional Memorial)	
Friday 8th 9.00am 9:30am 10.00am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross Holy Mass	Ukpabi Family (Special Intention)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Saturday 9th 5.30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention
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REFLECTION

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The Temple was the holiest place for Jews. It was the centre of their lives. Jews believe it was built on the actual site that the world was created, the place where Abraham tried to sacrifice Isaac his son (Mount Moriah, 2Chron 3: 1) . It is also called Mount Zion. (Is 60: 14; Ps 125: 1) Micah 4: 1 calls it 'The Mount of the house of the Lord.'

It was a sign of the presence of God in their midst. While the Jews were still wandering in the desert, they had moveable places of worship. (Ex 25: 8-9) The first permanent place of worship (Temple) was built in Jerusalem by king Solomon. (2Sam 7: 12-13; 2Chron 2-5) Solomon's Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians. (2 Kgs 25: 8-9; Jer 52: 12-13; 2Chron 36). The Temple was rebuilt by King Herod and it took 46 years. (Jn 2: 20) This second Temple was destroyed by the Roman General, Titus in 70 AD. Jesus predicted the destruction of the Temple in Jn 2:19 and Jerusalem in Mk 14:58; 15:29 and Acts 6:14. All that remained of this Temple is the Western wall also called the Wailing wall. Many Jews believe that touching the ancient stones on the mount connects them to Abraham, David, and most importantly, the presence of God.

By cleansing the Temple, Jesus was also drawing attention away from a physical building to the body as the dwelling place of God. He told the woman at the well, "A time is coming and has now come when true worshippers will worship the Father in the spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks..." (Jn 4: 23-24) (About forty years after Jesus cleansed the Temple, it was destroyed by the Romans. A mosque (Al-Aqsa Mosque) now stands on the site of the second Temple.)

By becoming human Jesus raised the dignity of the human person. We are no longer just creatures of God, but also brothers and sisters of the Son of God. Because we have received the spirit of adoption, we can make bold to call God, "Aba, Father." (Rom 8: 15) Because we have the spirit of God in us, God lives in us. We are also Temples of God. St Paul alluded to this when he said, "For we are the temples of the livin

g God." (1Cor 6: 16) And "Do you not know that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, whom you received from God? ...Therefore, honour God with your bodies." (1Cor 6: 19-20)

By cleansing the temple, Jesus was teaching us to love and hallow the house of God as he did. We need to follow his example by recognising, revering, and protecting the sacredness of the temple of the church and our own bodies. God dwells in these two temples but even more in our bodies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Lent Course**: Tuesdays after 6.00pm Mass, starting on 20th February for five weeks at Sacred Heart Church. "A Deeper Understanding and Participation in the Mass".
2. **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Fridays at 9.30am at Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst followed by Mass, until Good Friday on 29th March.
3. **Parish Lenten Retreat**, Saturday 23rd March 11.00am to 2.00pm Please put the date in your diary!
4. **There will be tea and coffee served after Mass at St Barnabas, Hawkhurst on Sunday 3rd March. We look forward to seeing everyone there.**
5. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.
6. 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 Ellen Queally, Edith Fuller, Elizabeth Smyth, Frank Raynor, Patty Mahoney, Emlyn Roberts, Noel Watson, Terence Burton, Paddy Smyth, Gordon Heap, Mike O'Reilly, Ted McGuire, Paul Gourmand

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