



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

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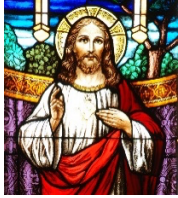
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Priest in Charge : Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi

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

Parish Closed every Monday

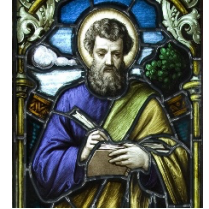


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY 5:30pm – 6:00pm
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am
SATURDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7th JULY 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:	Ezekiel 2:2-5		
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 122	Response:	Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.
Second Reading:	2 Corinthians 12:7-10		
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia, The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia		
Gospel:	Mark 6: 1-6		

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 6th 5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 7th 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Ugochi Ukpabi – Thanksgiving for graduation
Sunday 7th 10:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Repose of the Soul of Jeremy Smith
Monday 8th FATHER'S DAY OFF			
Tuesday 9th 6.00pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention.
Wednesday 10th 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Saint John Boscoe, Priest, Memorial	
Thursday 11th		Saint Benedict, Abbott, Patron of Europe, Feast No Mass	
Friday 12th 9:30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Saint John Jones, Priest and Martyr	

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 13th 5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass Second collection, Stella Maris	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention.
Sunday 14th 8:30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass Second collection, Stella Maris	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 14th 10.30am	Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass Second collection, Stella Maris	

REFLECTION

In the gospel passage of today Jesus went to his hometown and as he taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath the people would not accept him because they knew his background. They asked, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom given him? ... Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary..." They refused to listen to the wonderful and powerful words coming from Jesus, and the miraculous powers that came from him. And Jesus told them, "A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and his own house."

Jesus suffered rejection all through his life. He was rejected from the womb to the tomb. Remember, there was no room for him in the inn. (Lk 2: 7)

Fr Mark Link SJ in his book, 'Sunday Homilies' tells the story of an African student who fled religious persecution in his home country of Sudan and found refuge in Uganda. While there he entered the seminary and became a priest. When things settled down in Sudan he went back home as a priest and was assigned a parish. His people had never seen an African priest. They had only encountered European priests. The people of his hometown could not believe he was a priest. The people looked hard at him and asked him, 'Do you mean to tell us that you, one of us, that you are a priest? We cannot believe it.'

The people of Nazareth wondered how a carpenter, an ordinary worker, like themselves, could have such wisdom, have such powers, and know so much about God. They rejected Jesus and his teaching because they felt they knew who he was. They allowed their familiarity with his background rob them of the grace of his presence.

How does this apply to us? As Christians and disciples of Jesus in our world today, we must never forget the words of Jesus in Matthew 10: 24, "No pupil is greater than his teacher, no slave is greater than his master." Therefore, if Jesus was rejected by people in his time because he was doing the work of God, we should not be surprised if we too are rejected while doing the work of God. Jesus already prepared us for rejection when he said in John 15: 18, "If the world hates you, remember it hated me first..."

The world of today hates the Christian faith and its message and values. Anyone who embraces the Christian message and values today is ridiculed and rejected. When you are rejected by family or friends or the society for holding on to Christian values, do not lose heart or give up. Do not be bitter or resentful. We must reply with love as Jesus our master did. Jesus told us in Matthew 5: 11 ff, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, hate you on my account, rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven."

According to the gospel passage Jesus did no mighty work there because of their lack of faith and rejection. Those who reject the Word lose the grace of having the seed planted in their hearts. Those who reject the gospel message and values lose the joy and peace of having a taste of the kingdom of God. Those who reject Jesus lose the grace of the soothing and healing presence of God in their midst.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Invitation to the Induction Mass of Father Patrice Anyanwu C.S.S.P on Thursday 11th July 2024 at St Joseph Catholic Church, Greenwich East, SE10 0EA at 7.00pm.
2. There will be a Second Collection next week for Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea). Stella Maris supports seafarers worldwide, providing practical and pastoral care, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteers offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship in 250 ports around the world. Seafarers ship 90% of the world's trade, in often dangerous conditions, separated from their family and loved ones for up to a year at a time. Please help us to support this mission as they rely wholly on voluntary contributions.
3. LOURDES Pilgrimage, Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese. Details can be found on the Archdiocesan website: <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>
4. 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.
5. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention and for our faithfully departed.



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family, Catherine Nixon

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Jack Sackett, Cicely Day, Louise Damant, Petra Furlonge and Richard Scrowston. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

ONLINE DONATIONS

BANK DETAILS

NatWest Bank: RCAS Sacred Heart Goudhurst
Sort Code: 60 06 18 Account No: 59004576

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