



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



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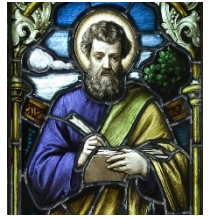


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY (B)
WEEK COMMENCING 18th August, 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-3, 10-15 Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good,

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

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: John 6: 51-58

Saturday 17th August 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mass	Josie Cooke, Healing & support for her brother Peter Cooke
TWENTIETH SUNDAY (B)		
Sunday 18th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	The Kimber Family for safe travels.
Sunday 18th 10:30am ** <i>Livestreamed</i> Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 19th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 20th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Holy Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special intention.
Wednesday 21st 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Pius X, Pope, Memorial Memorial Holy Mass	
Thursday 22nd 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial Holy Mass	Spiritual Growth of the Parish
Friday 23rd 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	Adrian, Healing
Saturday 24th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY (B) Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 25th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	
10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Emamoke Ogowewo, Special Intention

REFLECTION for Twentieth Sunday (B)

(ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

On Thursday, 15th August, we celebrated the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the teaching of the Church that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the end of her earthly life, died, and was taken up to heaven body and soul.

On the **1st of November 1950** with the proclamation of the Apostolic Constitution "Munificentissimus Deus" Pope Pius XII made the solemn proclamation that *"we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honour of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory"*.

The Assumption is the consequence of the Immaculate Conception, and the immaculate conception is the consequence of the Incarnation. The blessed virgin Mary had to be created sinless and immaculate because she was to be the mother of God; God cannot inhabit a sinful body or soul. And because she was created sinless, and because of her special and unique relationship with Jesus, she was given grace in abundance, "full of grace" (Lk 1: 26-28).

According to Pope Francis, to be full of grace means that "Mary is full of God's presence. And if she is entirely inhabited by God, there is no place in her for sin." The Pope continued, Mary is the only "evergreen oasis" of humanity, the only uncontaminated one, created immaculate to receive fully with her 'yes', God who was coming to the world..." The church congratulates Mary today, calling her all beautiful. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the most beautiful, the most loving, the most pure, the most perfect of all God's creatures. Mary's body was so pure, so holy that it radiated God's glory while here on earth.

Assumption of Mary into heaven is a celebration of joy and hope. Joy that Mary our mother is in heaven. Hope that where she has gone, we, her children and fellow disciples will one day follow. It is also an invitation to all of us to follow the example of the blessed virgin in her simplicity, humility, fidelity, life of prayer, dedication to God, love and service of neighbour, total surrender to the will of God. Follow her example in pointing the way to Jesus. She is always focused on Jesus and doing the will of God.

The life of the Blessed Virgin Mary on earth and in heaven is focused on Jesus. She directs our attention to Jesus/God always. At the annunciation Lk 1: 26-38 she said to the angel, "I am the handmaid of the Lord." At the visitation Lk 1: 39-56 she deflected Elizabeth's praises of her to God, "My soul magnifies the Lord." At the birth of Jesus Lk 2: 8-14 her focus was on the child Jesus. At the presentation of the child Jesus Lk 2: 22-39, she drew attention to Jesus. At the crucifixion of Jesus, Mt 27: 32-56 she stood at the foot of the cross focused on Jesus.

After the ascension of Jesus, Mary stayed with the disciples in the upper room praying and keeping their focus on Jesus. Acts 1: 14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. † We are sad to announce the passing of David Nichol, husband of Sue, suddenly on Sunday 11th August, 2024. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and her family.
2. **Second Collection on 25th August 2024:** We are calling on your generosity, once again, to help us fund the updated Lectionaries and Mass books for both churches. The Mass books are £4.25 each and the Lectionaries are hundreds of pounds each. We would be grateful for any donation you can make. Gift aid can also be added if you supply your number or name and address quoting "GA with a tick. Thank you so much
3. A Big thank you to all who came for the Garden Work Party on Saturday 17th. It was very much appreciated.
4. A young couple from our Parish are urgently looking for a 1/2 bedroom flat in the Hawkhurst area. If you know of one, please will you contact the Parish Office or let Father Ethelbert know as soon as possible.
5. Ride and Stride on 14th September, the Friends of Kent Churches are hoping to raise £150 000 in the 75th year. If you are able to take part, there are forms at the back of the church.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Olga Gudimenko, Zoe Schurmann, Margaret Oczkowska, Peter Cornelius, Lucy Watson, Henry Hayward, Leonard Board, Peter Ryan, Bert Bellingham, Andrea Abbott, Tine van Wakeren, Frank Johnson. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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