



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



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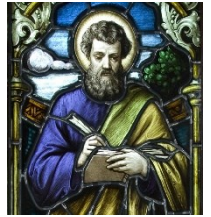


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30pm before Mass



**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY (B)
WEEK COMMENCING 25th August, 2024**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 2-3, 16-23 Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

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| Saturday 24 th August 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Second Collection for Mass Books & Lectionaries Holy Mass | Missa Pro Populo |
| | TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY (B) | |
| Sunday 25 th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst | Second Collection for Mass Books & Lectionaries Holy Mass | |
| Sunday 25 th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Second Collection for Mass Books & Lectionaries Holy Mass | Emamoke Ogowewo, Special intention. |
| Monday 26 th | FATHER'S DAY OFF | |
| Tuesday 27 th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Saint Monica, Memorial Holy Mass | For the Souls in Purgatory of the Augusta Munn Family |
| Wednesday 28 th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Holy Mass | For the Souls in Purgatory of the Augusta Munn Family |
| Thursday 29 th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Memorial Holy Mass | Adrian - Healing |
| Friday 30 th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward Martyrs, Memorial Holy Mass - Feria | John Morris RIP |
| Saturday 31 st 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst | TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY (B) Holy Mass | Thanksgiving, Protection & Healing for the Fletcher Family |
| Sunday 1 st September | World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis unveiled a message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st: "To hope and act with creation", means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will. Please watch on YouTube "The Letter" . The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, and Frontline Leaders. | |

REFLECTION for Twenty First Sunday (B)

In the first reading and the gospel we have Jesus and Joshua drawing the attention of their followers to God. After the people had settled in the promised Land, Joshua asked them to commit to the God they wanted to serve. He said, "Choose today whom you will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

In the Gospel when the people found Jesus' words about eating his body and drinking his blood intolerable, some of them left him. Jesus turned to the disciples and said, "Do you also want to go away?"

The names Jesus and Joshua are the same. Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua which was **originally Hoshea** (Numbers 13: 8; 13: 16) or Jehoshua (Numbers 13: 16; 1Chronicles 7: 27). The name Jesus or Joshua means "Saviour." He is the one who "Saves his people from their sins." (Matthew 1: 21)

Joshua led the people of Israel into the promised Land and asked them to never remove their focus from the living and true God. The journey of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt is symbolic of the journey of the people of God from bondage to sin in this world to our promised land in heaven. Jesus, who saves, came to save the people of God by leading them to heaven. (See Jn 3: 16-17)

On the long and tortuous journey to the Promised Land, we can get tired, weary, hungry and exasperated. As Moses gave the Israelites bread in the desert, (Ex 16) as the angel gave the prophet Elijah bread for the journey to mount Horeb, (1Kgs 19), Jesus offers us his body as bread (food) for the journey.

In chapter 6 of the gospel of St John Jesus gave the disciples a teaching on what he was going to do at the Last Supper when he changed bread and wine into his body and blood; and gave his disciples to eat and drink and commanded them to continue to celebrate it in his memory.

The disciples obeyed the command of Jesus and continued to celebrate the Eucharist. This is attested to by St Paul who was not present at the Last Supper in 1Cor 11: 23: 26. After his resurrection, Jesus used the Emmaus incident (Luke 24: 13-35) to tell his followers that they would henceforth encounter and recognise him at the breaking of bread. (The Eucharist) Following this tradition, the church has, for over two thousand years, continued to celebrate the Eucharist, the centre and life-giving food of those on the journey.

The Eucharist is the true body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. What the eyes see are bread and wine, but what is truly and substantially present on the altar are the body and blood of Christ.

Do we believe that the Holy Communion we receive is Jesus our God and saviour? How do we prepare before going up to receive him? How often do we go to confession? How prayerful are we before and after receiving Jesus? How do we approach him? St Paul in 1Cor 11: 27-32 admonishes us to receive Jesus, the bread of life in a worthy manner. It is not ordinary bread. It is heavenly bread, spiritual food. It is the food of angels given to human beings. It gives strength and life. It saves!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **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
2. We would like to know those who are Commissioned Extra-ordinary Commissioners of the Holy Eucharist in this Parish. Please let us know what training you received and if you would like to be Commissioned in this Parish. Please notify the Parish Office before the end of August.
3. 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.
4. 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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