



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

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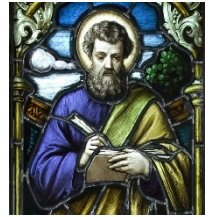


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14: 2-5 Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

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

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saturday 31st August 5:30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving, Protection and Healing for the Fletcher Family
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (B)		
Sunday 1st September 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Holy Mass	Thanksgiving for Father Ethelbert
Sunday 1st 10:30am ** <i>Livestreamed</i> Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Holy Mass	Thanksgiving for Father Ethelbert
Monday 2nd	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 3rd 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, Feast Holy Mass	For the Souls in Purgatory of the Augusta Munn Family
Wednesday 4th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	For the Souls in Purgatory of the Augusta Munn Family
Thursday 5th	No Mass	
Friday 6th 9.00am 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	First Friday of the month and a day for Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we shall have the following: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Benediction Holy Mass	Davina Colgan RIP

REFLECTION for Twenty-Second Sunday (B)

In the gospel of today the Pharisees and some of the scribes accused the disciples of Jesus of eating without first washing their hands according to the tradition of the elders. In reply Jesus quoted Isaiah 29: 13 "This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me..." There is a background to this dispute.

The Jews had two aspects of the "the Law." There was the 'written' Law and the 'oral' Law. The written Law is found in the first five books of the Old Testament or the Torah. But some Jewish legal experts called the Scribes felt that some of these written laws were too general or vague. And they decided to simplify them. This brought about the oral Laws.

Over time, Jews began placing the written and oral Laws on the same pedestal. They began to observe the oral laws or traditions as faithfully as they did the Torah. Slowly religion became an activity of performing external rituals. Not to observe these man-made traditions and rituals was to displease God. Mere external, legalistic observance of these oral, human traditions became religion.

The story is told of a man who was pursuing his enemy to kill him. In the midst of the chase, there was a call for prayer. He got down from his horse, said his prayers as fast as he could. When he finished his prayers, he leaped back on his horse and continued chasing his enemy. It was this kind of religious legalism that Jesus opposed.

When Jesus said to them "there is nothing outside a person which defiles, but from within." It is from the heart that evil intentions emerge. Religion, true worship of God should not be based solely on external, mechanical, and legalistic observance of laws, but on the love of God and neighbour that comes from the heart of a person.

St James corroborated these words of Jesus in today's second reading when he said, "Real and pure religion is to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world," (James 1: 27)

St Paul confirmed it all in 1Cor 13: 1-13, "I may have the gift of inspired preaching.. I may have all the faith needed to move mountains-but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have..but if I have no love, this does me no good. Love is patient and kind, love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep record of wrongs. There are three things that last, faith, hope, and love. The greatest of these is love." Love is eternal because "God is love" (1Jn4: 8)

Love is the sum of all the commandments. (Mt 22: 34-40) To love is to have kept all the commandments. That is why Jesus told us in John 13: 34-35, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another 'as I have loved you...By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Holy Mass is the celebration of the greatest act of love. When the priest says, 'go in peace.' He is asking us to go into the world and live-out the love we have received and celebrated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.** Pope Francis unveiled a message, "To hope and act with creation", which means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will. Please watch on You Tube "**The Letter**", The Pope, the Environmental Crisis and Frontline Leaders.
2. **Sunday 8th September is The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Please sign the card at the back of the church, which will be placed next to the Statue of Our Mother. Please find time during the day to say The Rosary to share your day with Our Mother Mary most Holy.
3. **2nd Collection, Sunday 8th September, Education Sunday.** The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Bishop's Conference to support Catholic Education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education as well as providing financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.
4. **September 14th is the feast of the Exaltation/Triumph of the Cross.** We invite everyone to come to Sacred Heart, Goudhurst and honour the Most Holy Cross on which our Saviour won our salvation.

10.30am – Stations of the Cross 11.00am – Holy Mass

We adore you O Christ and we praise you because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the World. God Bless you.

5. **Ride and Stride on 14th September.** Cycle or walk around Kent Churches and raise money for our Church and Friends of Kent Churches. Sponsorship forms and details of all participating Churches can be found at the back of the church
6. Please join us for first Sunday of the month coffee, tea and biscuits after Mass at St Barnabas and Sacred Heart, Goudhurst. Especially as we celebrate Father Ethelbert's first year with us. There may even be cake!

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 Leonard Board, Peter Ryan, Bert Bellingham, Andrea Abbott, Tine van Wakeren, Frank Johnson, John James Conlon, Margaret Thomasina Samuels, Patrick Sheridan, Jan Kohout. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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