



**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
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am
SATURDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (B)
Week commencing 29th September 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 18:8, 10, 12-14 Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Saturday 28th September 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 29th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	David Nichol RIP, and comfort for Sue
Sunday 29th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Rapuluchukwu and Chisom Thanksgiving
Monday 30th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 1st October 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Holy Mass	Paschal Ukpabi, Special Intention
Wednesday 2nd 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial Holy Mass - Feria	Adrian Betts RIP
Thursday 3rd	No Mass	
Friday 4th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Francis of Assisi, Memorial Holy Mass	

This prayer to the Archangels and to our Guardian Angels will be said at Mass this weekend and on Wednesday 2nd October, the Holy Guardian Angels Memorial

PRAYER TO THE ARCHANGELS AND OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS

Christ Jesus, You have given us archangels and angels to assist and protect us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector; we ask him to come to our aid, fight for all our loved ones, and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; we ask him to help us clearly hear Your voice and to teach us the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel; we ask him to take our needs for healing and that of everyone we know, lift them up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery.

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and angels, and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.

REFLECTION for Twenty-Sixth Sunday (B)

I would like us to reflect on a common theme found in the first reading and the first part of the gospel. It is the fanaticism and envy we exhibit, often unconsciously, towards those who are not of our fold, but who have been blessed by God as we are. In the first reading Joshua complained to Moses that some men who were not in the camp received the spirit meant for those in the camp. In the gospel John told Jesus that they saw a man who was not one of them casting out demons in the name of Jesus. And because he was not part of them, they tried to stop him. We know the replies that Moses and Jesus gave to Joshua and John.

Why did they try to stop them? Because they did not belong to the group.

Both Joshua and John had very limited understanding of the Spirit of God or how he works. The Holy Spirit of God cannot be caged or restricted to a place of particular group. The Spirit acts freely through any person, agent, or place. He cannot be bound by any geographical limits. John 3: 8 tells us, "The wind blows where it will, and you hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell from where it comes, and where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the spirit."

Are there times we make the same mistake as Joshua and John? To think that God or His spirit is only for us? Are there people, groups, classes, that we look down on because they do not belong to our group, do not look like us or speak like us?

No matter the colour of the skin, the language we speak, the accent we have, the faith we profess, we are all children of God. There is only one God from whom we have all come, to whom we shall all return.

All the division and wars and killings are because of our lack of understanding and selfishness in appropriating the love and care of God to ourselves and those who belong to our group. The late Shimon Peres of Israel, lamenting the division between the Jews and the Arabs said, Both Arabs and Jews claim to be descended from Abraham and worship the God of Abraham as their Father. So, he asked, "Why can't the Fatherhood of God create the brotherhood of men?"

The Jews thought that God was only for them. They were wrong. Some Christians think that Jesus is only for them. They too are wrong.

Jesus told us in Matthew 5: 44-45 that if we want to be children of God, our Father in heaven, who makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends his rain on the just and the unjust, we must love all and forgive all.

We must never see ourselves as better than any. The love and mercy of God does not exclude any. The love of God is inclusive and not exclusive. Remember, we are not called because we are good. We are good because we are called. (Rom 8: 30-31)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **29th September** is the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Let us always remember to ask for their intercession.
2. **October** is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Rosary. Please remember to say your Rosary every day.
3. **Light a Candle in the Church.** You are invited to light a candle in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Beresford Road, Goudhurst, Kent TN17 1DN for the Month of Mary on **15th October between 10.00am and 12.00noon**. All are very welcome.
4. Missio Boxes: If you still have a box, please will you return it to the Presbytery, many thanks for your support.
5. There will be a **2nd collection** on **13th October** for PACT which helps to rehabilitate prisoners and gives support to their families.
6. **Youth Retreat** The next Diocesan Youth Retreat for 13-17 year olds will be on Saturday 12 October at St. John Fisher School, City Way, Rochester, ME1 2AE. The day will be delivered by the Dominicans on the theme of "Prayer". Don't miss out! Group leaders and parents book at tinyurl.com/retreat12oct.
7. **Dates for your Diary:**
 - **Autumn Fair 16th November 2024** 9.30 to 12.00, Goudhurst Village Hall.
 - **Childrens Concert, Sunday 26th January 2025**, after 10.30 Mass, Goudhurst. Contact Liz Bozonnet to join choir.



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Adrian Betts, Anne McRory, Emma De Chaumont, Rory Chisholm, Jonathan Martin, Merla Hewlett, David Butt, Charlotte Baker, John Bradford, Fred Pilbeam, Nora Barrett, Peggy Shill, Margeurite Hosking, Mina (Hermine) Hutson and Peter Newton. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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