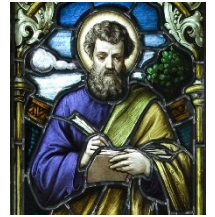




**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 17 2-4, 47, 51 Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28

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

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Saturday 2nd November 11.00am 12.00pm 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	ALL SOULS Holy Mass Holy Mass Vigil Mass	For the Souls of the Fletcher & Leacock Family
Sunday 3rd 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 3rd 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Repose of the Soul of Sonia Hill
Monday 4th	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 5th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass – Feria	For the Safe and Healing surgery for Henry Frank and comfort and strength to his family.
Wednesday 6th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	
Thursday 7th	No Mass	
Friday 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	In memory of Gregory Brown
Saturday 9th 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Remembrance Day Holy Mass 2nd Collection Archbishop's Appeal	
Sunday 10th 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst 10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Remembrance Day Holy Mass 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal Holy Mass 2nd Collection, Archbishop's Appeal	Missa Pro Populo

REFLECTION for Thirty-First Sunday (B)

In today's gospel Jesus was asked by a scribe which was the first of all the commandments. Alongside the Ten Commandments, Jews law had over [six hundred](#) other laws or regulations. These sometimes confused the teachers of the law. Jesus answered him by quoting two Old Testament passages, Deuteronomy 6: 4-5 and Leviticus 19: 18. By this answer Jesus not only made love of God supreme, but he also attached to it the love of neighbour. Love of God and love of neighbour go hand in hand. They are like the two sides of the same coin. They are inseparable.

One cannot claim to have a loving relationship with God but does not love the neighbour. No. It wont work. St John confirmed this when he said, "If someone says he loves God, but hates his brother, he is a liar. For he cannot love God, whom he has not seen, if he does not love his brother, whom he has seen. The command that Christ has given us is this: whoever loves God must love his brother also." (1Jn 4: 20)

We serve the God we cannot see in our neighbour we can see. Jesus told us this when he said, "I was hungry you gave me food, I was thirsty you gave me something to drink... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." (Mt 25: 25-40) Love is not abstract. Love is real. Love is a person in Jesus Christ. We love our neighbour because we love God. And we make our love for God real and concrete when we love our neighbour.

There is less love of neighbour in the world today because there is less love of God. The more humanity distances itself from God, the less love there is in the world.

Why did Jesus say to the scribe, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."? Because he did not reject the answer of Jesus. He agreed that love of God and neighbour was far "more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." But Jesus did not say that the scribe was in the kingdom, he was only near it. He needed only one thing to enter. He needed to follow Jesus; to have Jesus in his life. Only in Jesus can we find the true meaning of love. Because Jesus, God, is love. (1Jn 4: 16)

There are people who talk about love. They talk about loving others and giving money to good causes. They tell you that they do not go to church but that they do good to people. No matter the good they do, until they accept Jesus, the one who is love and who performed the greatest act of love, (Jn 15: 13) into their lives, they cannot fully understand the meaning of true love. If our love for others is not rooted in or does not flow from the love of God, then it is not true love; it is empty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible reading:** Gospel of Mark, Chapter 5. If anyone has any questions, contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. **During the month of November, the month for Holy Souls, a purple box will be placed on the Sanctuary.** Please place names of deceased family members, parishioners and friends with offerings in the box. All Masses said in the month of November will be for the names in the box. Lists and envelopes can be found at the back of the Church.
3. Please stay for tea and coffee after Mass at St Barnabas and Sacred Heart on Sunday 3rd November.
4. **Second collection on 9th and 10th November** for the **Archbishop's Appeal** is for Youth and Evangelization, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care and Formation.
5. **The new 3 year liturgical cycle, Sunday Missal** People's Edition (Red) will be available soon. Please will you notify the office by email or phone, if you would like us to reserve a copy for you. They cost: £19.95. There are also Bonded leather Missals in burgundy with gilt edges in a slip case and two ribbons for £29.95. Please let the office know this week if you would like to order one.
6. **Autumn Fair 16th November.** Please see the posters at the back of the church for donations to the various stalls. **Please leave the items at the Presbytery after 1st November in working hours, not Mondays.**
7. **The Catholic Certificate in Religious** Studies is an internationally recognised qualification which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church. For further information visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.
8. **Dates for your Diary: For Readers: Sat 2nd November, 2.00 to 4.00pm** at the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ to introduce the new translation of the Lectionary. You are encouraged to attend.



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Richard Unterberger, Andrew Hendrickx, Elmore Roberts, Gwennie Greenwood, Violet May Dee, William Connolly, Robin Manwaring, Dorothy Billson, Ian Gray, Dr Dermot Healy, Sara Fernandez, Jeff Sharp, May O'Grady, Sonia Hill, The Fallen Soldiers 11/11/18, Laura Cobb, Hortensia Correra, Melvin Rubiaro, Muriel Oliphant-Mark and Peter Swainston. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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