



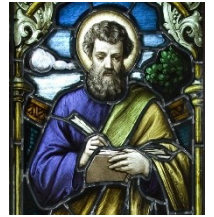
**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst and
St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN17 1DN**

Contact : The Presbytery, Beresford Road, Goudhurst, Kent TN17 1DN
 Tel : 01580211268 E-Mail: goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk
 Livestreaming : Kentchurches.com **
 Website: <https://sacredheartgoudhurst.org.uk>
 Priest in Charge : Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi
 Parish Secretary: Lizzi Payne
 Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 10:30am – 2:00pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (C)
Week commencing 1st December 2024 Mass Book Page 82

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation, Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Saturday 30th November 5.30pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	First Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 1st 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	First Sunday of Advent Holy Mass	Malcolm Mason RIP
Sunday 1st 10:30am ** <i>Livestreamed</i> Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	First Sunday of Advent Holy Mass	Loiselle Downing, Birthday Blessing
Monday 2nd	FATHER'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday 3rd 6.00 Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial Holy Mass - Day of Prayer for Migrants	
Wednesday 4th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	David Nichols RIP and comfort to his family.
Thursday 5th		
Friday 6th 9:30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass - Feria	The McFadden Family RIP and the Dean Family RIP
Saturday 7th 2nd Sunday Sacred Heart, Goudhurst 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.30pm	ADVENT RETREAT – Preacher, Fr Behruz Raf'at Theme: Advent Conference / opening talk Confessions Holy Mass	
Sunday 8th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Peggy Morris RIP
Sunday 8th 10.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
END OF RETREAT		

REFLECTION First Sunday of Advent (C)

Advent which means coming is the beginning of a new year in the Church. It is a season of expectation and preparation for the celebration of the birthday of Jesus. At advent, the Church recalls Christ's first coming and prepares in joyful hope for his second and final coming. In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah God promised to send a righteous branch from the house of David to establish peace and justice in the world. In the gospel (Luke) Jesus, the promised branch from the house of David, tells us how to live in readiness for the end.

Advent is a four week preparation period for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of the Son of God who came into the world to save the human race from eternal damnation. It is the biggest birthday celebration on earth. It is worth all the preparation and celebration because if God had not come in the flesh to save us, it would have been the end of humanity. Advent helps us prepare especially spiritually for the worthy celebration of the birthday of our Lord and Saviour; and for his second coming, whichever comes first.

Advent helps us in the midst of the coming and going, to reflect on the coming of Jesus. Advent helps us to ask ourselves, 'how much time am I giving to the spiritual preparation of the coming of Christ?' Am I allowing myself to be consumed by the material things of this world? Jesus who is life, and who gave me life, came into this world to renew, and strengthen that life in me. Why did God give me life? What is the purpose of life? Am I so busy with the things of this world that I forget that there is a reason and a purpose in life, far beyond what the material world has to offer, or can explain?

Jesus warns us in the gospel not to allow our hearts to be carried away or consumed "with dissipation and drunkenness, and cares of this life," but to watch and pray so as to be prepared for his coming.

Advent invites us to watch and pray for the coming of the Lord. Come Lord Jesus, Maranatha!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Mark chapter 9. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Ethelbert by email or phone.
2. The funeral of Late Bishop John Hine will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Tuesday 10th December at 2.00pm
3. **Monday 9th December, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at 9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10.00am: Mass**
4. The Parish Advent Retreat will be held on the Second Sunday of Advent, 8th December at Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst. Time to be advised next weekend. Fr Behruz Raf'at will lead the Retreat.
- 5.
6. The Requiem Mass for Lis Rourke will be held on 12th December at 1.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst which will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.
7. We will be using the new Lectionary and Mass books from 1st December. If you would like to have the name of a departed loved one written on the inside of the new Mass Books, they will always be remembered and prayed for. The cost for this will be £5.00 for the first edition or £30.00 for all 6 editions in the series. This will help enormously with the purchase of the New Mass books. Please contact Lizzi Payne at the Parish Office, either by phone 01580211268 or by email: goudhurst@rcaos.org.uk for details.
8. We encourage Parishioners to book Masses for any specific intention, birthdays, anniversaries and for our faithfully departed.

Dates for your Diary: 26th January 2025 after 10.30am Mass, Goudhurst, the Children's Concert
Tuesday 17th December, Light a Candle, Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

Christmas and New Year Mass Times:

24th December, Christmas Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst Carol Service 7.00pm, Holy Mass 7.30pm

Christmas Day: 9.30am Holy Mass at St Barnabas, Hawkhurst. 11.00am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

26th and 27th No Masses

Saturday 28th December: 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

Sunday 29th December: 9.30am Holy Mass, St Barnabas, Hawkhurst. 11.00am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

31st December: Cross over Mass, 10.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11.30 Holy Mass, Sacred Heart, Goudhurst

1st January 2025: Mary Mother of God, Solemnity, 9.30am Holy Mass, St Barnabas, Hawkhurst, 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart



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

ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Alice Burgess, Herbert Fitzgerald, Leonard Law, Father Pradeep Joshi SJ, Betty Widdowson, Marie Van Graan. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

ONLINE DONATIONS

BANK DETAILS, Gift Aiders please add your envelope number and name as a reference

NatWest Bank: RCAS Sacred Heart Goudhurst, Account No: 59004576 Sort Code: 60 06 18