



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst TN17 1DN  
and St Barnabas Catholic Church, Hawkhurst, Kent TN18 4AH**

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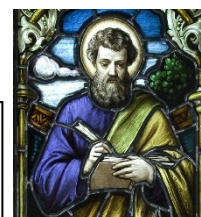
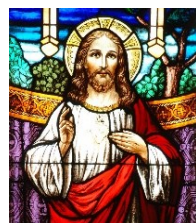
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 10:30am – 5:30pm

Parish Closed every Monday



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Sacred Heart, SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass  
St Barnabas, SUNDAY 8.00am before Mass

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Mass Book Page 256**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading: Acts 5:12-6**

**Responsorial Psalm 118: 2-4, 22-24, 25-27 Response: Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.**

**Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 20: 19-31**

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Divine Mercy Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection, St George's Cathedral maintenance	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Divine Mercy Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter Holy Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection, St George's Cathedral maintenance	Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Divine Mercy Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter Holy Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection, St George's Cathedral maintenance	
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe, Feast Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>09.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass, Feria	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>		
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Holy Mass	Chloe Buss RIP
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>5.30pm ** Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Third Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Pro Populo

## REFLECTION, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

There are many lessons that the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples teaches us. Perhaps the greatest is the mercy and compassion of Jesus, his gentility and magnanimity in victory, such as to reach out to even those who let him down. In impressing this lesson upon us the challenge is that we imitate the example of Christ.

It is easy to receive mercy and be slow to administer mercy to others. We cannot genuinely encounter the risen Lord without experiencing his love and mercy. Yet if we truly encounter him our experience of his mercy and compassion should make us to reach out to others with mercy and compassion.

We cannot be said to be his true followers nor can we be said to have genuinely encountered him unless we display the same attitudes and dispositions we see in him. One concrete area this challenge asserts itself is releasing forgiveness to those who have hurt us. Like our master we should be the first to make the move regardless of whether we are right or wrong. Not to release forgiveness to others means that our world becomes smaller and with this our ability to maintain vibrant fellowship with God and others is undermined.

There is no better way to show gratitude and appreciation for God's mercy than by sharing it with others. Similarly there is no better way to prepare for reception of future mercies than by sharing what we already have with others. When we do this we show we are truly grateful and it means we position ourselves to receive even greater benefits from him in the future.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 14. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. Second Collection on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education)
3. **Volunteers needed** to help cut the grass at St Barnabas: due to parishioners moving away we need an additional couple of volunteers to join the grass cutting rota. You will only be asked to cut the grass 2 - 3 times this season, using the church's mower. Please contact Edward Hutt, on 07919 626921 or in person, if you can help.
4. **Teas and coffees after Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. All are very welcome.**
5. **The 100 Club draw for April** will be at Hawkhurst on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please make sure all payments for April's draw are made by the end of April.
6. **Please remember our feathered friends** who have started nesting. Our nesting boxes are available for £10 in memory of a loved one. The will be put up on the trees in the car park at Sacred Heart and St Barnabas.
7. A Day with Mary, **Saturday 3rd May** at St George's Cathedral 10.15am to 5.15pm. See poster in the Church.
8. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St Georges Cathedral in Southwark to the Friars (2-6 June 2025). The event itself is free. - Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025 — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis
9. Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford **7 June 2025**. It will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee see [Jubilee 2025: Archdiocese of Southwark. Archdiocesan Jubilee](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/events/youth-retreat-10-may/?d=638824716000000000)
10. There is a Youth Retreat being organised by the Dominicans on **10 May** at St John Fisher, Chatham- for details see <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/events/youth-retreat-10-may/?d=638824716000000000>



**Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family, Jenny Doyle, Chris Davis, David Cockayne and Jasmin Cameron.**

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Rowland Firth, Joe O'Grady, Jo Chenery, Delia Pemble, Mrs Norman, Patrick Coyne, Denis Eccles, Bernard Myles, Trudy Bradford, Mary Mooney, Ralph Ryan, Violet Ames, Thomas Robertson, Rose Myles, Nina Pearce, Leslie Strange, Margaret Strange, Amanda Tiernan and Ronnie Anderson. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

## ONLINE DONATIONS

### **BANK DETAILS,**

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

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