



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

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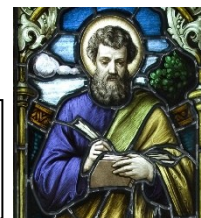
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 10:30am – 5:30pm

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Week commencing 4th May 2025 Mass Book Page 234

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm 30: 2,4,5-6,11,12,13, Response: I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Saturday 3rd May 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 4th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	
Sunday 4th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Monday 5th	FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)	
Tuesday 6th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass, Feria	
Wednesday 7th 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass, Feria	
Thursday 8th		
Friday 9th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass, Feria	
Saturday 10th 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day of Prayer for Vocations Vigil Mass 2nd Collection for the Priest Training Fund	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 11th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	World Day of Prayer for Vocations Holy Mass 2nd Collection for the Priest Training Fund	Blessings and Prayers for the marriage of Milton Antony and Anjaly Saju tomorrow in Kerala, India
Sunday 11th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	World Day of Prayer for Vocations Holy Mass 2nd Collection for the Priest Training Fund	

REFLECTION, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

The story of the resurrection is a wonderful story. It all started with the angel's announcement that he had risen and it was completely abnormal, as everyone believed that with his crucifixion, death and burial it was all over. Yet with the news of his rising we now have a complete reversal of the situation. Interestingly, Jesus himself did not delay in seizing the opportunity to construct his narrative by going around to show himself to his disciples, to revive their hope and confidence. With persistent effort on the part of Jesus in appearing to his disciples in different ways, there is an upsurge of confidence among the disciples as they now also begin to tell the story of the resurrection themselves, having had the opportunity to encounter the Lord himself. Such was the case with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. Once they rejoined the eleven they started sharing their experience of their encounter with the risen Lord.

When we genuinely encounter the risen Lord we do not remain the same, as we are transformed into courageous witnesses of the gospel; we lose our excessive self-consciousness as we come under the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit, so that it is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives and operates in us through the power of his Spirit. Because our lives are animated by the Spirit of the risen Lord, we are able to live the life of Christ and so face the challenges of life with total resignation to the will of God. Because we are led by the spirit we are not only able to overcome the world, but we are able to also master ourselves such as not to allow sin to reign in our lives.

The Lord knows that without him we can do nothing. That is why he is so generous in showing himself to us and sharing his resurrection life with us. We really need to examine ourselves today whether we have truly encountered the risen Lord. Have I seen the risen Lord? Can I feel the impact of his resurrection in my life? Having encountered him do I realize my burden as a witness of his resurrection? Unless we have encountered him and accept the burden of being his witnesses in the world by living a life dedicated to God, we cannot say we are really his disciples; we cannot truly say we are Easter people. So let us ask him to come into our lives afresh and fill us with his resurrection life, so that moved by his spirit we can also share our story of our encounter with him with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 15. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **Second Collection on Sunday 11th May**, Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education)
3. **Goudhurst Fete & Dog Show 14th June**, We will need cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles etc but also we will have a table for artisan works. Please brush off your hidden talents and be creative!
4. **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.
5. **Teas and coffees after Mass on Sunday 4th May at both churches. All are very welcome.**
6. **The 100 Club draw for April** will be at Hawkhurst on 4th May. Please make sure all payments for April's draw are made by the end of April. **Winners so far:** February, 1st prize £98.50 to Helen McKenna; 2nd and 3rd prize £78.80 to Mary Furlonge; 4th prize £19.70 to Ros Chandler. **March winners:** 1st and 4th prizes £120.00 to Helen McKenna; 2nd prize £50.00 to Mike Iles; 3rd prize £30 to Pat Cookson.
7. **Light a Candle—Our Lady of Fatima, Thursday 15th May** from 10.00am to midday at Sacred Heart Church Goudhurst
8. Please will you inform Father of any parishioners who are sick and would like a visit, and if they would like their names to appear in our Newsletter for our prayer.
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](#)
10. **There is a Youth Retreat for 13 – 17 year olds** being organised by the Dominicans on 10 May at St John Fisher, Chatham- Parents can sign up for the event on this link. www.tinyurl.com/10mayretreat
11. Marriage Help - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: **20-22 June** www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983



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 Trudy Bradford, Mary Mooney, Ralph Ryan, Violet Ames, Thomas Robertson, Rose Myles, Nina Pearce, Leslie Strange, Margaret Strange, Amanda Tiernan, Ronnie Anderson, Hugh Shoulin, Marie Osbourne, Anne Woodger, John Day, Major Joseph Thorpe, Maureen Guinness, John Smithg and Peggy Furlonge. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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