



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

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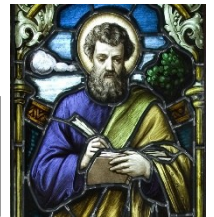
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Parish Closed every Monday



**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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

**Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Mass Book Page 262**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm 100:1-2,3,5, Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9,13,14-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, I am the good shepherd, says the Lord, I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Priest Training Fund</b>	Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	<b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Priest Training Fund</b>	Blessings and Prayers for the marriage of Milton Antony and Anjaly Saju tomorrow in Kerala, India
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Priest Training Fund</b>	Healing for Rowena Bennett
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass, Our Lady of Fatima	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>09.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass, Saint Matthias, Apostle, Feast	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass, Saint Simon Stock, Priest, Memorial	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5.30pm ** Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Healing for Rowena Bennett
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo

## REFLECTION, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C )

One of the most powerful images in the Bible, in terms of which Jesus describes his relationship with us, is the image of the good shepherd. This image reminds us of the love and care Jesus has for us; his concern that we have the best in every situation and his willingness to go to any length to ensure that we have the best, not minding the cost involved.

There is no genuine love or commitment without sacrifice. The more we love and care for someone the more we are ready to suffer for them. Genuine love and commitment is not a matter of sentiments. Genuine love and commitment can be very costly. When people claim to love and care for us, the love and care is conditional in the sense that they can easily give up if their personal interest is undermined. Very few people will lay down their personal interest in order to care for us.

Yet this is the quality that defines the good shepherd paradigmatically. So, we can understand that when Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd, he is simply telling us that he loves us so much that he will do anything for our sake.

When we think of how much he has invested in order to redeem us, we must be utterly grateful to belong to him. How else can we show our gratitude and appreciation than yielding ourselves to him completely? If he gave himself without reservation in order to save us we too must give ourselves to him completely without holding anything back.

Perhaps, our greatest challenge in this regard is to listen to him and take instructions from him. For unless we listen to him we can hardly discover what he requires of us. But how can we do his will unless we know his will? So, it is very important that we pay attention to him if the huge price he paid for our salvation is to make any real difference in our lives. If we follow him and allow him to direct our course, there is a guarantee that we will not stray but will arrive safely at our destination.

From time to time we must think and meditate upon the love of Jesus for us; for, if the truth must be told, no one can love us as Jesus loves us. If we constantly ponder the love of Jesus for us, the most likely consequence is that we will fall in love with him as well; for, if it dawns on us how much sacrifice he has made on our behalf, we will be lost perpetually in gratitude and appreciation and it is doubtful whether we can ever return the debt. Yet one thing we can do and this would gladden the heart of Jesus is to make it a constant habit to acknowledge what he has done for us. The more we acknowledge his love for us as the good shepherd and think of what he suffered on our behalf, the more our relationship with him will become personal and the more we will come under the influence of his love.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 16. 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) This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.
3. **Goudhurst Fete & Dog Show 14<sup>th</sup> 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. **Mass Intentions** – In the Catholic Church, a Mass intention refers to a specific prayer request or intention for which a priest offers the Mass. This practice allows individuals to dedicate the graces of the Mass to a particular need, whether it be for the well-being of a living person, the repose of a deceased soul, or to express gratitude.
6. **Light a Candle—Our Lady of Fatima**, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am to midday at Sacred Heart Church Goudhurst
7. 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.
8. 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](#)
9. Marriage Help - Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443 / 0788 7296983. Next date: **20-22 June 2025**



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Hugh Shoulin, Marie Osbourne, Anne Woodger, John Day, Major Joseph Thorpe, Maureen Guinness, John Smith, Peggy Furlonge, Bridget Codd, Hugh Butt, James Frazer, Brian Young, Eric Brooks, Florence Crouch, Jim Allen, Norman Bennett, Jessie Butterworth and James Grier. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

## ONLINE DONATIONS

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