



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

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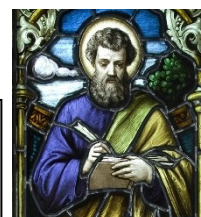
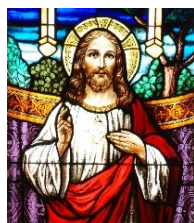
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Priest in Charge : Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi

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Parish Secretary: Lizzi Payne (Emergency no 07831252314)

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



**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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)**

**Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Mass Book Page 287**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 104: 30,31,34 Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Sequence

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love, Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Church</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Church</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Private Intention
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Church</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass - Feria	Lizzi Payne for a quick recovery
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>09.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass – Saint Barnabas, Apostle, Memorial	
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast</b>	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Holy Mass – Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5.30pm ** Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	

## REFLECTION, SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Before the resurrection the disciples were ruled by fear of the Jews. But filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of the Pentecost event they began to preach the gospel boldly without fear or favour. The descent of the spirit on them had such an impact that nothing mattered to them more than making Christ known. Indeed, as a result of their courageous and powerful witness, many were converted to the faith on Pentecost day. Following the Pentecost, they began to preach the gospel in Jerusalem and beyond and made instant gains, despite the fierce persecution they faced.

We cannot explain the success of the early Church without reference to the work of the Holy Spirit. Come to think of it the apostles were uneducated men, so that solely on their own resources they could never have risen up to the occasion resuscitating the mission of Jesus, following his death and resurrection. This is evident from their pre-resurrection situation which depicts them as timid and fearful. Nonetheless, with the coming of the spirit upon them, they are transformed beyond all imagination as they could now confront the authorities boldly, even to the point of telling them to their face that obedience to God is better than obedience to man.

As Jesus once said, he who believes in me will do the works that I do and even greater works. These words were certainly fulfilled in the life of the early church as we can deduce from the miracles they performed. It is not surprising that the nascent church grew from strength to strength, since they were animated by the spirit of Christ, so that what Christ did in his *own time and clime*, they too began to do *in their own time and clime* as a result of the influence of the Spirit.

We must understand that if we have the Spirit of Christ, there is no need for us to be afraid of challenges. If the Spirit animates us and leads us into every occasion and situation, no situation or occasion can overwhelm us, for the very challenges we go through become the means through which God reveals his glory in our lives and takes us to the next level. That indeed is the story of the early Church. It is the story of the Church all through its history. The promise of Jesus is that he will be with the Church forever and the gate of hell shall never prevail against it. That promise is valid and that is why we can see that despite all the challenges that face the Church, the Church continues to wax stronger. Indeed, the various crises that the Church suffers, turn out to be a means through which God purifies the Church and makes the Church more resourceful in assuming her mission of witnessing to Christ in the world.

The Church began on a note of uncertainty but through the power and action of the Holy Spirit, it has grown into a massive phenomenon like the mustard seed. Consequently, as we celebrate the birthday of the Church today and indeed our own birthday, let us pray for greater awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our lives as well as the grace to always co-operate with the spirit, so that we can live a life that conforms to the life of Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading: Gospel of Luke 20. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **Light a Candle in the Church** at Sacred Heart Goudhurst on 12th June between 10.00am and noon.
3. **Goudhurst Fete & Dog Show 14th One more week until the Fete. Please will you bring all produce either, to the Fete or to the Presbytery on Friday between 2.00p and 8.00pm and on Saturday between 8.00am and 10.00am.** We will need cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles etc but also we will have a table for artisan works.
4. **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. Please see notice 8 as to how to request a Mass Intention at present.
5. **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** visiting **St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June**. St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: [stgeorgescathedral.org.uk](http://stgeorgescathedral.org.uk) for more information.
6. **100 Club winners: Kate Roome £108.50; Mike Iles £54.25; Hugues Lassalle £32.55 and Charles Berry £21.70.**
7. **Office news!** I will be getting my new hip on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June but will not be allowed to drive for 6 weeks. I will be running the office from home so please bear with me and please pray for my quick recovery, Call me, preferably after Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, on 07831252314 if you have any requests for a Mass Intention, for advice on 100 Club Payments, (I have left envelopes at the back of both churches for June and July cash payers who can give the envelopes with money to Father) or for anything else. Thank you to everyone who has kindly offered to help Father Damian, and me, through this difficult time. God Bless you all, Lizzi Payne x



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of John Day, James Fraser, Gerard Woolf, Millie Sackett, Mrs E Chenery, Victor Moore, Pearl Fitzgerald and Eileen Collett. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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