



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

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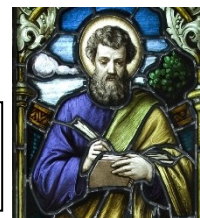


**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Sacred Heart, SATURDAY 5:00pm before Mass  
St Barnabas, SUNDAY 8:00am before Mass



**TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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| <b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b> | <b>Vigil Mass</b><br><b>2nd Collection- Catholic Agency Supporting Evangelisation</b> | Missa Pro Populo   |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b><br><b>8:30am</b><br><b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>                             | <b>Holy Mass</b><br><b>2nd Collection- Catholic Agency Supporting Evangelisation</b>  | Private Intention  |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b><br><b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>            | <b>Holy Mass</b><br><b>2nd Collection- Catholic Agency Supporting Evangelisation</b>  | Special Intention  |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>   | <b>FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)</b>   |  |
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br><b>6.00pm</b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>                           | Weekday Mass –Saint Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio] , Priest, Memorial                |  |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>09.30am</b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>                        | Weekday Mass – Our Lady of Walsingham, Feast  |  |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>9.30am</b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>                            | Weekday Mass – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs                                      |  |
| <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>5.30pm ** Livestreamed</b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>          | Twenty-Sixth Sunday (C)<br><b>Vigil Mass</b>  | Repose of the Soul of Adrian Ukpabi,<br>comfort for Esther and the family. |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>08.30am</b><br><b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>                            | <b>Holy Mass</b>  |  |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b><br><b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>            | <b>Holy Mass</b>  | Missa Pro Populo   |

## REFLECTION, TWENTY – FIFTH SUNDAY (C)

People who are contented with what they have, not only escape the temptation that comes with the desire to be rich, but they also make the best of what they have. Given that they understand that money is not an absolute value they understand that money must be used to assist people who are in need.

Come to think of it the best way to expend our resources, such as to secure an eternal investment, is to use it to help those who have no one to help them; those at the fringe of the society; the poor and the needy. In concluding the parable of the dishonest servant Jesus does not necessarily approve his dishonesty but urges us to imitate his astuteness, meaning that, like the dishonest servant, we should be astute in using what we have to make wise investment for our eternal future.

It is amazing that some people have so much in their bank account when they die. They leave behind so much that you wonder whether they actually spent their money while alive. What is the point leaving so much money behind when one is gone, thus leaving it to others to spend or decide how to spend it. Will it not be better to assume personal responsibility while alive and use the resources to help those in need? This is surely a way to prepare for one's eternity while here on earth.

There is nothing as meritorious as using our resources to help those who cannot pay us back, those who cannot reward us. Nothing is as meritorious as using our resources in helping others without counting the cost or expecting appreciation or acknowledgement. This is a vocation to which we are all called. I suspect this is part of the point of Jesus in admonishing that we: "use money, tainted as it is to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity."

We really need to examine ourselves today and ask whether we have the right attitude towards money. Can we really say we are honest? Do we moderate our attitude towards money in terms of honesty, justice and fairness? As Jesus says, "the man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great, the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 11. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **We are pleased to announce that His Lordship Bishop Paul Hendricks will be visiting us on Sunday 28th September at the 10.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst to perform the Welcome Mass for Father Damian and to Bless the new Crucifix.**
3. **Are you able to help** with the flower arranging at Sacred Heart Church? If so, please contact Lizzi at the Parish Office.
4. Many parishioners chose to sponsor the first volume of our parish mass books to a loved one, with their name printed on a decorated label on the inside cover. We have now moved on to the second volume of the six parts of the three year liturgical cycle and are offering existing and new sponsors the opportunity to dedicate this volume at the cost of £5 per copy. Please email the parish office to let us know if you would like to do this and, if so, to confirm to whose memory (or to whom, if the person is living) each mass book should be dedicated. Please also tell us how many of the remaining five volumes of the cycle you would like to sponsor.
5. **There will be a Second Collection this weekend 21<sup>st</sup> September for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation** . This provides funds for the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.
6. **Father Ethelbert's Honda Jazz Hybrid, automatic is for sale. If you are interested, please call Lizzi on 07831252314 for details so that he can buy himself a car in Lagos with the proceeds.**



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family, Maureen Allanson, Lorraine Smith, Marion Weeks, Geaft Weeks, Jenny Doyle, Chris Davis, Jasmin Cameron and Vilma Fernandez.

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of John Walsh, Elizabeth Komber, E W Sharples, Christian Raynor, John Watts, James Martine, Alan Potter, Marie Adamkova and Cora Newton. *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**

**Gift Aid: Please add your envelope number & name as a reference**

### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

If you wish to report any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of our representatives:

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