



**Parish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goudhurst TN17 1DN  
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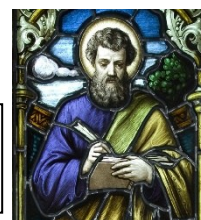


**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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



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

**Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Mass Book Page 143**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 Response My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

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 16:19-31

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Vigil Mass	Repose of the Soul of Adrian Ukpabi and comfort for Chioma and the family
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Holy Mass	Father Vic, for his wellbeing
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Holy Mass	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed) Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, Feast	
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>09.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – Feria Harvest fast day, Cafod	Peter Arundell, Anniversary
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5.30pm ** Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Rosary Sunday, Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C) Vigil Mass <b>Second Collection CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</b>	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	Rosary Sunday Holy Mass <b>Second Collection CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</b>	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Rosary Sunday Holy Mass <b>Second Collection CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</b>	

## REFLECTION, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (C)

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus reminds us of the need to be sensitive to the needs of those around us, especially the poor and the helpless. The parable points to a terrible end that awaits those who are selfish with God's blessings and are insensitive to the needs of others. The rich man used to dress in purple and fine linen and feasted magnificently every day. Sadly enough, and to his eternal detriment, he took no notice of Lazarus who in his poverty was covered with sores and longed to fill his belly with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

Lazarus' condition was so pathetic that even dogs came and licked his sores. Yet the rich man, in his affluence, did nothing to alleviate the condition of Lazarus. While in this life the rich man thought himself extremely successful and Lazarus a wretched failure but after his death, he was shocked to find Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham comfortable and well satisfied, while he found himself thrust into Hades with no assistance.

The message of this parable could not be any clearer. We cannot afford to be insensitive to the needs of those around us without hurting ourselves eternally. No matter what inconvenience it may cost us, it is ultimate wisdom to be quick in coming to the help of others, if it is within our means. We should not delay in doing so, for our commitment to such people is the real measure of our love for God.

We cannot claim to genuinely love God, if we cannot care for him in the poor. It is far better to expend our resources in caring for the needy than to expend it in extravagant living. We should spare something for the poor and when we do, we are using our possessions here on earth to win ourselves a place in heaven.

It is unbelievable the amount of wealth some have in their bank account that, at death, they leave so much behind. Yet they cannot use part of this to assist the needy. It is sheer blindness and folly for, if they really understand the true nature of things as today's gospel explains, they will be quick to use their wealth in securing themselves some eternal merit by having some concern for the needy.

The question is, how much concern do we have for the poor? Are we sensitive to the needs of those around us, especially the underprivileged and those who have no-one to assist them? Lord help us never to be oblivious of our social and spiritual responsibility to help others in real need.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Please welcome His Lordship Bishop Paul Hendricks at the 10.30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst to perform the Welcome Mass for Father Damian and to Bless the new Crucifix.**
2. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 12. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
3. **October is a month for the Rosary.** For those who recite five decades of the rosary in church or at home as a family gain a plenary indulgence daily. A partial indulgence is available for those who recite the Litany of Loreto (Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Wikipedia) and the Prayer to Saint Joseph (Prayer to Saint Joseph – Wikipedia). For more details see Liturgical Year: October: Month of the Holy Rosary Catholic Culture.
4. **We are desperate for readers at St Barnabas Church and flower arrangers at Sacred Heart Church?** If you are interested, please contact Lizzi on 07831252314.
5. **Second Collection, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.**
6. 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.



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 Anne McRory, Emma de Chaumont, Rory Chisholm, Jonathan Martin, Merla Hewlett, David Butt, Margeurite Hosking, Mina (Hermine) Hutson and Peter 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

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