



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

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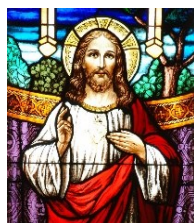
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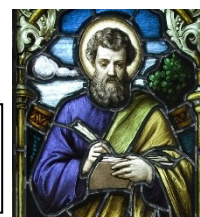


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00am – 9:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 7-9 O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

Saturday 4th 5.30pm **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Rosary Sunday, Vigil Mass 2nd Collection CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	
Sunday 5th 8:30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Rosary Sunday, Holy Mass 2nd Collection CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 5th 10:30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Rosary Sunday, Holy Mass 2nd Collection CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Peter Arundell-Anniversary RIP
Monday 6th	FATHER'S DAY OFF (Office closed)	
Tuesday 7th 6.00pm Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial	
Wednesday 8th October 09.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Thursday 9th Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest, Feast	
Friday 10th 9.30am Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Weekday Mass – Feria	
Saturday 11th 5.30pm ** Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 12th 08.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst	Holy Mass	Shalom, Special intention
Sunday 12th 10.30am **Livestreamed Sacred Heart, Goudhurst	Holy Mass	

REFLECTION, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)

Without faith we cannot make the best of life's challenges. Like many things in life, while it is important to have faith and put our faith into action in grappling with the challenges of life, the most important thing is not how much faith we have, but that we put our faith into action, whether it is big or small.

Sometimes the problem is that we are so overwhelmed by the challenges of life that we do not remember to exercise our faith; in moments of crisis or trials, we find it difficult to pray. Of course, if our faith is active, it will sustain us in such moments and enable us to maintain our communion with God. In difficult moments, it is crucially important to keep our focus on Christ. If our focus is on him, he will grant us wisdom, inspiration and motivation, not only to understand our situation in his light but also the courage and strength to act appropriately.

The basic truth is, unless we exercise our faith, we cannot get hold of the situation. That is why when the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, he did not say he will not increase their faith but rather he went straight to the crucial issue of the need to put our faith in action and the amazing result that comes from doing so. In his words, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, be rooted up and be planted in the sea and it would obey you."

Of course, it is one thing to have faith, it is another thing to exercise it. A faith that is not applied in concrete situations of life, is like money which lies in a bank account and not used to solve concrete problems. The essence of money is to be used to solve problems. So too is faith. Faith should help us to deal with challenges of life and so experience the power of God's providence in our lives. But if faith is not put into action, it loses its credit. That is why the emphasis of Jesus is that "if you could say to this tree be uprooted and be planted in the sea it will obey you." This is the active mood and not passive mood. If our faith is to secure results for us we must be proactive in applying it to the situations that trouble us.

When we exercise our faith, we express our trust in God that he will not let us down. If God is with us and guides us in our steps there is no need for us to fret in the face of the challenges of life. If we have faith in God and put our faith in action, our faith should give us confidence to undertake what we have to undertake, believing that God provides for us and his providence is sufficient and superior to meet the demands of any situation, no matter the particulars of such situation. Lord, teach us to put to maximum use the little faith we have and may this serve to grant us victory over all obstacles in our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 13. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Second Collection, Sunday 5th October 2025, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.**
5. 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.
6. 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 prayers



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, Marlene Codd, Philip Morley, Stephen Butterworth, Sybil Ann Ryan and Fr Peter Nkomazana. *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**

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