



**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



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C)**

**Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading : Malachi 4:1-2a

Responsorial Psalm: 98:5-6, 7-8a, 8b-9b, 9cd, Response: The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.  
Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>5.30pm **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>World Day of the Poor</b> Vigil Mass	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	<b>World Day of the Poor</b> Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>World Day of the Poor</b> Holy Mass	Anthony Dowling, Birthday Blessing
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY OFF</b>	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – Feria	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>09.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – Feria	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	Weekday Mass – <b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary , Memorial</b>	
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>5.30pm ** Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Vigil Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Youth Services	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>08.30am</b> <b>St Barnabas, Hawkhurst</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Holy Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Youth Services	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>10.30am **Livestreamed</b> <b>Sacred Heart, Goudhurst</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Holy Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Youth Services	Thanksgiving Anthony Dowling

## REFLECTION, Thirty-Third Sunday (C)

We are reminded today that nothing in this world lasts forever. Whatever has a beginning also has an end. If we live with a basic awareness of the reality of the end time, it is sure to affect how we approach our life and every moment of it. It is sure to motivate us to make the best of our time and resources here on earth by investing them in good works.

However, Jesus warns us in the gospel that the end is real, even if we do not know precisely when this will be or how it will happen. Indeed, Jesus says no one knows of that day or hour, "not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the father." If the end is real and will happen someday, it is foolish not to acknowledge it. It is even dangerous to live without this basic awareness every moment of our lives. For if we do, we will live carelessly without any sense of accountability and this means we could be caught unaware when the end eventually comes.

On the contrary if we keep the end in view and live with a basic awareness of its reality, it will help us comport ourselves well as well as help us to realize that we do not have all the time. This in turn will make us to be focused and make the best of every moment. There is so much good we can accomplish during our life here on earth but, unless we have our priorities well defined, it is not likely to maximize our opportunities in life. If we live with the awareness that we will not be here all the time and no moment will be repeated once it is gone, we will be careful to do all the good we can do while here knowing full well it is investment for eternal life.

The reality of the end time is associated with the second coming of Christ. At his first coming he assumed our human conditioned and suffered a shameful death on the cross so as to make salvation possible for us, so that whosoever believes in him and walks in his footsteps will find eternal life and not perish. The benefit of his first coming offers us the opportunity to accept him as our personal Lord and saviour and live a life that conforms to the pattern of his life, as it is only by following him that we can hope to be saved.

Unlike the first coming, the second coming is a time of reckoning, a time when he comes in his glory to ask us how we have lived our lives. This is clear from the scene of the last judgment reported in the Bible where the just are rewarded and welcomed into the kingdom of God while the wicked are condemned to punishment in hell fire. The thought that we are going to render an account of our stewardship at the end of our lives is one that understandably fills us with dread for, in truth, if the Lord should mark our guilt no one will survive. The fact that we do not know precisely at what hour the master will return makes it likely that we may be found unprepared when he comes.

We need to ask ourselves how serious we take our faith and how much commitment we give to our prayer life? If we live according to the demands of our faith, there is no need for us to be afraid of meeting the Lord whenever he comes. Let us pray for the grace therefore to cherish our faith and put it to maximum use in making the best of each moment, so that when the son of man comes he will truly find us ready and reward us with the crown of glory.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading, Acts of the Apostles. Ch 18. If anyone has any questions, please contact Father Damian by email or phone.
2. **Autumn Fair.** In anticipation of a successful fair we would like to thank everyone who came forward to help and to all those who donated. We are extremely grateful. More news next week.
3. **23<sup>rd</sup> November, Second Collection for Catholic Youth Services** which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.
4. With winter getting ever closer and fallen leaves getting slippery, if you feel unsteady using the steps at Sacred Heart Church, please use the ramp at the back from the car park. The door will be open for you and a welcome awaits.
5. **The card machine at the back of the church is there to be used! It is so easy, select and tap. If you wish to give Gift Aid it only takes a couple of minutes, once only, to set it up.**
6. **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.
7. **The Red Boxes for Missio are due for annual emptying this month. Please bring them to the church over the next two weeks. Thank you.**
8. **We urgently need drivers to take Father to Mass on a Sunday Morning to St Barnabas Church and back again to Goudhurst..** If you are able to help, please contact Lizzi on 07831252314. **THANK YOU.**



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

† Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Joan Temple-Gottelier, Father Mendham, Severin de Chaumont, Otto Adamec and Jean Douglas. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in Peace.*

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Account No: 59004576 Sort Code: 60 06 18

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