



# PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Churches of the Holy Redeemer and  
St. Thomas of Canterbury & the English Martyrs

Parish Priest : Father Míceál Beatty

Deacon : Ian Moon



**Mass Intentions this week which will be  
celebrated Privately**

### **Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday in Lent (Cycle A)**

Saturday 21 March - Pro Populo

Sunday 22 March - Patrick Donnellan RIP

Monday 23 March - Pat Lee (Int)

Tuesday 24 March - Avril Childs for Healing (Int)

### **Solemnity -The Annunciation of the Lord**

Wednesday 25 March - Rev David Rea RIP

Thursday 26 March - Olive Goodman RIP

Friday 27 March - Terry O'Rourke RIP

Saturday 28 March - Secular Franciscans (Int)

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)**

Sunday 29 March - Bill Gadd RIP

**During these unprecedented times for the Church,  
I will be celebrating Holy Mass daily and sharing  
via our Facebook Page; Parish of the Good Shep-  
herd, St Leonards on Sea. This will be posted at  
10am every day, except Sundays which will be at  
11am. Please join me, albeit remotely, and make  
an Act of Spiritual Communion (see below).**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You  
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my  
heart. I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to  
be separated from You. Amen.**

**Please be assured of my continued prayers for you  
and your families.**

**Fr Míceál**

## **Contacts**

Parish Office

The Presbytery

31c Magdalen Road

Open - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am  
until 3pm Phone : 01424 420 815

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Holy Redeemer Church:

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St. Leonards on Sea,

East Sussex, TN37 7AS

Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy:

The Ridge, Hastings

Please contact 01424 757088 or 01424 755255

after hours, and ask for the Chaplain to be  
paged.

Poor Clare Community:

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Parish Office

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Parish of the Good Shepherd

St Leonards on Sea



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### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday : Holy Redeemer - After 10 am Mass until 11am and the first Friday of the month before & after Mass

St. Thomas' - 5.00pm until 5.40pm and the first Thursday of the month before & after Mass

And, whenever possible, on the first weekend of every month after each Mass.

Also, by appointment.

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Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, are in hospital or housebound, especially Frances Barrett, Alan Turner, Lall Donaldson, Sheila Rowland, Thelma Le Strange & Patricia Burns and for those who have died recently, especially Brian Shaun Kelly & Archbishop Peter Smith. May they rest in peace.



The Sanctuary Lamps have been donated this week for Adrian Brown RIP at Holy Redeemer & St Thomas'. Please pray for this intention.



### ADVICE REGARDING SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** - Baptisms will be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. In case of necessity, baptisms should be celebrated with all the hygiene precautions that have been laid down by the Church in its COVID-19 advice.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Confession may be offered on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed (eg a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest such as a grille and cloth). Please contact the office to make an appointment.

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** - These celebrations are postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches.

**Confirmation** - The celebrations of Confirmation is deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

**Matrimony** - If possible, the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, bride and groom and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar.

**Anointing of the Sick** - No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, I will offer phone support. When anointing the sick, the Oil of the Sick will be applied using a cotton bud which can be burned afterwards (one end for the head and the other for the hands) and the priest extend his hands over the sick person for laying on of hands, without physical contact. This has been confirmed as a valid mode of celebrating the sacraments which involve "laying on of hands." Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.

**Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil** - This will be dependent on the forthcoming decisions of the Bishops for the Holy Week ceremonies.

**Funerals** - There will be great pastoral sensitivity to this issue. The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.

### COLLECTION TOTALS

14/15 March 2020  
First Collection: £473.06 (GAD: £258.00)  
Second Collection: NONE

### PARISH NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please note all items must be received in the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays, including your name, date and church if relevant. It may be necessary to shorten items.

### PARISH NOTICES

Dear Parishioners,

Our Bishops have communicated to us that from Friday 20th March there will be no more public masses or acts of public worship until further notice. They have lifted the obligation of Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.

St Thomas' will remain open for private prayer daily from 9.30am until 5.00pm for the foreseeable future. Holy Redeemer Church will remain closed. When visiting the Church please practice the necessary hygiene procedures when you enter and keep the social distance needed for our safety.

I will of course celebrate Mass daily and be praying for everyone in our Parish. I am also of course available – just email or call. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available by appointment only and you should ring the Parish Office to make an appointment. The Parish Office will remain open as usual.

Stations of the Cross is cancelled forthwith and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended in both our churches. All parish meetings/groups/gatherings are postponed until further notice.

Above all else let us look after each other, let us pray at home, let us keep an eye out for those in need. If you know of anyone who is vulnerable or are willing to assist in any way, please contact the Parish Office. Keep updated via our website [www.parityofthegoodshepherd.net](http://www.parityofthegoodshepherd.net) and our Facebook page.

Finally, let us all pray more fervently at this time for all who are ill, for those who have died and for their families, for the lonely, for healthcare professionals and all who are working to protect society.

Please see the front of this newsletter where I have included an act of spiritual communion for you to make any time you wish.

Be assured of my prayers.

*Fr Mícheál*

**Hastings Foodbank:** We will be collecting food and toiletry items for the 'Hastings Foodbank' please deliver items for the Foodbank to Kevin and Linda by 11 am on Tuesday 31st March (contact number 431087).

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day:** The total amount donated to this Appeal, including cheques, was £1,487.43 GAD: £862.90. Renewed thanks for your generosity. Please continue to pray for Sister Consilia in Zimbabwe and the work of CAFOD in the developing world.