



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



I am celebrating Holy Mass daily and endeavouring to share via Facebook "Live Stream".

Our Parish Facebook Page is Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonards on Sea.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

Readings: Acts 6:1-7. Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

Response: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Saturday 9 May - Vigil Mass - Marayan Knight (int)

Sunday 10 May - Pro Populo

Monday 11 May - Ann Gillies RIP

Tuesday 12 May - Jean Fletcher RIP

Wednesday 13 May - Mary & Sybilla Carruthers (Int)

Thursday 14 May - Feast - St Matthias, Apostle -
Maureen Robinson (Int)

Friday 15 May - Fr Paul Brandon (Int)

Saturday 16 May - UCM 60th Anniversary

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

Readings: Acts 8:5-8.14-17 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

Response: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

Sunday 17 May - Pro Populo

Monday 18 May - Mary Carr RIP

Tuesday 19 May - Paula Hunt RIP

Wednesday 20 May - Eunice Cox RIP

Holy Day of Obligation - The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday 21 May - Dick Doyle RIP

Friday 22 May - Florence Eden (F)

Saturday 23 May - Brendan O'Toole RIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

Readings: Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11

Response: *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

Sunday 24 May - Pro Populo

Mass Intentions

You can still book Mass intentions via email stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk, via post or leave a telephone message. Your offering can be posted or hand delivered to the Presbytery. Please include the following information: Name of the Person for whom the Mass is to be offered. Your name, email address and tel. number and date desired - we cannot always honour the date requested.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, really present in the sacrament of the altar. Since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, come at least spiritually into my soul, through the immaculate heart of thy Most Holy Mother and abide with me forever. Thou in me and I in thee, in time and in eternity, in Mary.

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Contacts

Parish Office - Is currently closed, however, all emails and telephone messages are being dealt with remotely. If you require any assistance or have a query, please feel free to contact the office and either myself or Liz will get back to you as soon as possible. Take care and stay safe.

The Presbytery

31c Magdalen Road

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

Parish Website Address:

www.parihofthegoodshepherd.net

Parish Office Email Address:

stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church:

31c Magdalen Road,
St. Leonards-on-Sea,
East Sussex. TN37 6ET

Holy Redeemer Church:

24 Upper Church Road,
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:

22 Upper Church Road, St Leonards on Sea,
01424 751 214

Canonesses of St Augustine

Filsham Road, St Leonards on Sea, 01424 434532

St. Mary Star of the Sea Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Claire O'Rourke 01424 427801

Our Halls are currently closed until further notice

Halls to Hire:

Concordia Hall

Church Road

01424 420815

Holy Redeemer Hall

24 Upper Church Road,

Robbie Clark on

07789 002 221

S.V.P. Helpline

07771 757367

Safeguarding Representative

Brenda Bailey 01424 430923



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St. Richards Catholic College

Principal : Miss Doreen Cronin 01424 731070

Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, are in hospital or housebound, especially Frances Barrett, Alan Turner, Lall Donaldson, Sheila Rowland & Patricia Burns and for those who have died recently, especially Ann Gillies RIP. May they rest in peace.



The Sanctuary Lamps have been donated this week for Pauline Burke 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 - Confessions are available by appointment only. Please email or ring the office to arrange an appointment. Social distancing measures will be in place.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion - Parents/Carers will have received an update this week regarding these Sacraments. Unfortunately the date we had scheduled has been cancelled. At present, we are unable to confirm a date when the Sacrament will happen. We are waiting for advice from the Diocese. When we do finally return the FHC Mass and gathering is likely to look very different from previous years. Please be assured that as and when any update is received regarding FHC you will be informed.

Confirmation - Celebration of Confirmation – Postponed and Delegated. The Bishop has taken the decision to formally cancel all the scheduled Diocesan Confirmation Masses (which were due to begin last weekend) for this academic year. Therefore, for the avoidance of any doubt, our St Leonards Deanery celebration due for Trinity Sunday, 7th June 2020 will now not happen. I realise that this will be a disappointment, but I am sure it does not come as a surprise. The Bishop has also come to the view that it will be impossible to reschedule these twenty-five deanery celebrations into his diary, and so he has now granted faculty to administer Confirmation to Parish Priests. Again, this will be a disappointment to those wishing to receive the sacrament from the Bishop, but it is understandable and unavoidable. So, when will this revised celebration take place? At this time, we cannot give you a date. Only once we get the clearance for public Masses can we schedule a date for the celebration of Confirmation.

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 - You must ring the Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 who are coordinating emergency response.

ADVICE REGARDING SACRAMENTS (Contd.)

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.

LOCAL NOTICES

Presbytery Food Store: I have had many requests at the Presbytery for food and the stocks are running low. I would be very grateful for donations of tinned goods, pasta and pasta sauces, these seem to be favourites, however, any donations would be greatly received. Please leave donations on the Presbytery doorstep - I am very grateful for your continued generosity.

Are you in isolation? If you need help with shopping, collection of prescription or just a friendly chat (or know someone else that does?) We have a number of parishioners who have offered their help. If so, please let the parish office know on 01424 420815 or stleonards@adbiocese.org.uk or follow the following link Do you know someone who would like to listen to Mass live from their phone? If so please could you let Liz know at the parish office.

Hastings Foodbank: During the first two weeks in March this year, in comparison to last year, 81% more emergency food parcels and 122% more food parcels for children were handed out by Foodbanks. Your donations of food and toiletry items can be placed in the collection points at local supermarkets or, if you wish, a cheque made payable to Hastings Foodbank can be sent to The Hastings Centre, The Ridge, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 2SA.

Weekly Offertory: We have had several enquiries about how parishioners can still give their offertory. Bless you, for without your support the parish finances will suffer. Feel free to post offertory envelopes through the presbytery door. The diocese has also set up a simple way to give on-line via a "Just Giving Page" which is very easy to use: www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory. **Donations for the parish received via Just Giving upto 13 April 2020 totalled £63.39.** Please remember to add a note: "donation to go to the Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonards." You can also choose, in the dropdown box, the additional % donation you wish to give to JustGiving, from 0% to 15%, whatever you choose the parish does not lose out! You can also use online banking, HSBC Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Parish of the Good Shepherd; Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account No.31078291 or you can set up a direct debit or if you wish to offer week by week, use the reference: your surname plus initial. Thank you for your continued support!

April 200 Club Draw: The draw for the 200 club was made on the 29th April by Deacon Duncan. No 87 was drawn first, so Mrs A C Gatten wins £35 & No 16 was drawn second so Mrs C Matthews wins £15. If you would like to join our 200 Club please contact Brenda Bailey on john4brenda@btinternet.com to find out more.