



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 as per the schedule below. A page had also been added to our website entitled 'Holy Masses' for those of you who do not have access to Facebook. Our Parish Facebook Page is Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonards on Sea & website is www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 2 August

Holy Redeemer 9am Beth Ellis-Eagling (Int)
St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

Monday 3 August

Streamed via Facebook 10am Marion Baxter RIP

Tuesday 4 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Bridie Gilmartin RIP
Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Wednesday 5 August

Streamed via Facebook 10am Edward & Celia Callaghan
on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 6 August Feast - Transfiguration of the Lord

St Thomas' 10am Bridie Donoghue (Int)
Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Friday 7 August

Streamed via Facebook 10am Agnes & Paddy Breen RIP

Saturday 8 August - Memorial - St Dominic

Streamed via Facebook 10am Peg & Michael Donnelly RIP

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 9 August

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo
St Thomas' 11am Private Intention

Mass Intentions

You can still book Mass intentions. 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.

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.

The Sanctuary Lamps has been donated this week for a Special Intention at Holy Redeemer and for Margaret Prendergast RIP at St Thomas'. Please pray for these intentions.

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, Fr Tony Collins & Mgr Barry Wymes and for those who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

Contacts

Parish Office - Liz has returned, but the office will remain closed and social distancing measures will be observed. If you require any assistance or have a query, please feel free to contact the office and Liz will get back to you as soon as possible. Take care and stay safe.

Both our Community Halls are closed until further notice.

The Presbytery
31c Magdalen Road
Open - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am until 3pm Phone : 01424 420 815
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www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net

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St. Leonards-on-Sea,
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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

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Filsham Road, St Leonards on Sea, 01424
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RE-OPENING FOR HOLY MASS

My thanks to all our Volunteers who make it possible for us to celebrate Holy Mass together. The Sunday Obligation remains suspended and I encourage people to attend during the week. When Mass is celebrated social distancing guidelines must be followed within the church. The guidance from our Bishops recommends keeping the "two metre" policy for now. This means that capacity for St Thomas' remains at 30 people and for Holy Redeemer at 31. You will be asked to sanitise your hands as you enter and exit the church.

We have also received this update from the Diocese regarding Face Coverings: Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and will be mandatory in shops and in supermarkets from 24th July 2020. People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church.

Holy Communion, for those who wish to receive it, will be given AFTER Mass. Please come forward as directed by Deacon Ian. Immediately after you have received Holy Communion, please leave the church, following the "one way system". You cannot receive Holy Communion whilst wearing gloves. Please remove these beforehand.

If you come to Mass, it will be on a "first come, first served" basis. Once the capacity number has been reached, the stewards will stop anyone else from entering the church. Again, this is for your safety and for everyone else. PLEASE RESPECT THE GUIDANCE OF THE STEWARDS.

Some other things to keep in mind if you are coming to Mass:

- The Sunday Obligation is suspended at this time and I encourage people to attend during the week.
- Seating capacity in our churches: St Thomas' 30 persons & Holy Redeemer 31.
- Children's Liturgies will not be offered for the time being.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are isolating or show any symptoms of illness.
- If you have attended Mass during the week, please be generous in allowing space for others to attend.
- Please do not reserve seats in church for friends.
- Our Halls remained closed and cannot then be used for any social gathering after Mass. Refreshments will not be offered after Masses under any circumstances.
- The toilets remain closed.

We are working on arrangements for Confirmations, First Holy Communions and Baptisms. We will hopefully have some plans in place very soon.

Above all, **PLEASE BE PATIENT**. It is a difficult and strange situation, but we want to do the best we can to enable you to be at Holy Mass again. So, be kind to each other, be sensible and be good!

If you are able to help, in line with the guidelines, as a Steward or Cleaner, please contact the parish office on 01424 420815.

APPEAL

COVID-19 - Can you help? If you are able to donate Masks, gloves (XL), plastic aprons or sanitising wipes this would be much appreciated. Our supplies are expensive and a requirement in order to open our churches safely. If you are able to donate, please bring any donations to the Presbytery and we will distribute. I am, as always, very grateful for your generosity.

ADVICE REGARDING SACRAMENTS

Please refer to our previous newsletters for advice regarding the Sacraments. Feel free to contact the office, should you require any additional information regarding Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation or Funerals. Should you require a Priest to administer the Last Rites you must ring the Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy on 01424 757088.

LOCAL NOTICES

Weekly Offertory: Collections - 26th July 2020

Holy Redeemer: £259.00 (GAD: £212.50)

St Thomas': £120.30 (GAD: £30.00)

Huge thanks to those of you who have donated to the offertory: Bless you, for without your support the parish finances will suffer. Here are the ways in which you can give; 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" Go to: www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory. Please remember to add a note: "donation to the Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonards." 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 if you wish to offer week by week, use the reference: your surname plus initial. Thank you for your continued support!

CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal: - CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at www.cafod.org.uk to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. You could use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the Appeal - visit www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope - thank you.

200 Club: New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining our '200 Club' please contact Brenda Baily on 01424 430923.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Supermarket Voucher Hardship Scheme: In recent weeks, the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has been administering applications for grants from a charitable fund to assist parishes in responding to the needs as a result of the pandemic. We still have some vouchers. This is a great scheme available to all our vulnerable families and available to use at our local Asda Supermarket. These vouchers are here to be used and I urge all our families in need to take advantage of this scheme. Contact the Parish Office