



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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 6 September

Holy Redeemer 9am Maureen and Martin Corcoran RIP
St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

Monday 7 September

Streamed via Facebook 10am Jose Maria Nava RIP

Tuesday 8 September Feast The Nativity of the BVM

Holy Redeemer 10am John Bailey RIP

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Wednesday 9 September

Streamed via Facebook 10am SVP - Feast of the Bld Frederick Ozanam

Thursday 10 September

St Thomas' 10am Hazel Markowski RIP

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Friday 11 September

Streamed via Facebook 10am Susan Ezobi RIP

Saturday 12 September

Streamed via Facebook 10am Canon John McNamara RIP

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 13 September

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Kathleen Cornelius RIP

Monday 14 September Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Streamed via Facebook 10am Mrs E C Nicoll (F)

Tuesday 15 September Memorial Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Redeemer 10am John & Anne Mole RIP

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Wednesday 16 September

Streamed via Facebook 10am Canon Segesser (F)

Thursday 17 September

St Thomas' 10am Mary Spooner RIP (F)

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Friday 18 September

Streamed via Facebook 10am k O'Ferrall & Family (F)

Saturday 19 September

Streamed via Facebook 10am Julia Luret RIP

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 20 September

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Cecilia Okoliko RIP

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, telephone number and date desired.

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. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.

The Presbytery

31c Magdalen Road

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

Parish Website Address:

www.parishofthegoodshepherd.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

St. Richards Catholic College

Principal : Miss Doreen Cronin 01424 73107



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S.V.P. Helpline

07771 757367

Safeguarding Representative

Brenda Bailey 01424 430923

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RE-OPENING FOR HOLY MASS

My thanks to all our Stewards who make it possible for us to celebrate Holy Mass together. If you are able to help, in line with the guidelines, as a Steward or Cleaner, please contact the parish office on 01424 420815.

We have received this update from the Diocese regarding Guidance for the Celebration of Mass, in particular the wearing of Face Coverings: *Face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. 4 Priests in the sanctuary providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion (please see below). Other ministers in the sanctuary should wear face coverings and remain socially distant from the celebrant.* <file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/2020.08.03%20-%20Guidance%20for%20Acts%20of%20Worship%20-%20Mass%20-%20Revision%2010.pdf>

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 Communion 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!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Please refer to page 3 of this newsletter for a Financial Update in relation to offertory and how you can continue to contribute. I am, as always, very grateful for your continued generosity. Please note that any donations should be passed to the Parish Office or given via the Offertory collection for inclusion in the weekly count. This includes any donations towards the upkeep of our halls, gardens or any fundraising events.

LOCAL NOTICES

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 have been donated this week for Special Intentions at Holy Redeemer and 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, especially Hazel Markowski RIP & Jose Maria Nava RIP. May they rest in peace.

Season of Creation Pope Francis has established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and this begins a Month of Prayer, ending on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. Clearly the past 12 months have highlighted the importance of listening to "The Cry of the Earth", and CAFOD have produced a Novena to St. Francis, which can be found online at www.cafod.org.uk/novena

Cancel the debt! - Many of the world's poorest nations are not only dealing with the devastation caused by the coronavirus pandemic but also are facing being plunged into a new debt crisis as they respond to the threat of the virus while managing spiralling debt payments. Please consider signing a petition calling for the debt to be cancelled. Details at www.cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt

ADVICE REGARDING SACRAMENTS

All Sacraments may now be celebrated in accordance with Government Guidelines. Please contact the parish Office, on 01424 420815 or email stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk should you require any information regarding Baptisms, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Funerals. or Anointing. Please remember that 'Last Rites' doesn't mean last minute.

Our First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, 10th October in both our churches. Parents/Carers should have received an email regarding a teaching session beforehand on Saturday, 3rd October again in both our churches. If you haven't received an email, please contact Sarah Feist or the Parish Office.

Our Parish Confirmation will take place on Saturday, 24th October - more details to follow.

WEEKLY OFFERING & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory Collections

w/c Sunday 23 August 2020

Holy Redeemer: £170.27 (GAD: £108.00)

St Thomas': £318.89 (GAD:£40.00)

w/c Sunday 30 August 2020

Holy Redeemer: £65.50 (GAD: £20.00)

St Thomas': £282.35 (GAD: £80.00)

June Standing Orders: £2,054.25 July Standing Orders: £2,292.25

Huge thanks to those of you who have continued to donate to the offertory:

I have asked Solomon Ezobi, our Finance Chair, to extract some figures to give you an overview of our income for June 2020 compared to June 2019. As you can see we are down considerably on last year. Bless you, for without your support the parish finances will suffer.

	£ - June 2020	£- June 2019	£ Variance	% Variance
INCOME:				
Donations & Legacies (Inc Offertory)	4,909.00	6,668.00	-1,759.00	
Other	<u>169.00</u>	<u>3017.00</u>	-2,849.00	
	<u>5,078.00</u>	<u>9,685.00</u>	-4,608.00	-48%

Collections will be made following all Holy Masses, however, here are some alternative ways in which you can give;

How can I give to the Parish?

Apart from the offertory basket there are 4 methods that are available:

- Just Giving – please visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory where you can make a donation. Please specify that it is for The Parish of the Good Shepherd in the comment field. Also, please be aware that Just Giving suggest a platform fee of 15%, this can be set to zero or any other amount.
- Cheque – please send your cheque, payable to The Parish of the Good Shepherd, to the Parish Office.
- Standing Order either via online banking using the our account information listed below or by filling in the standing order form available via the link below and sending to your bank or the Parish Office. (Please email a copy of the form to the Parish Office). HSBC, A&B Diocesan Trust Registered Charity, The Parish of the Good Shepherd, Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 31078291. <https://www.dabnet.org/ContentDocuments/919.pdf>
- If you currently Gift Aid, please can use your Gift Aid number as the reference. This number is on your annual Gift Aid letter. If you don't know it, please contact the Parish Office and the reference will be supplied to you. If you are unable to Gift Aid, please use your surname as a reference. How do I add Gift Aid? If you pay tax, the Parish can reclaim an additional 25% of your offering. Please consider gift-aiding. To Gift Aid please fill in the form available via the below link and post it to the Parish Office or email it. <https://www.dabnet.org/contentdocuments/343.pdf>

What if I have any questions?

Please email or ring the Parish Finance via the Parish Office - stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk telephone 01424 420815.