



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 has 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 4 October

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Angela Amina Anthony (Int)

Second Collection - Peter's Pence

Monday 5 October

Streamed via Facebook 10am Fr Charles Briggs RIP

Tuesday 6 October

Holy Redeemer 10am Bill Gadd RIP

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Wednesday 7 October

Streamed via Facebook 10am Peter & Carol Carroll on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 8 October

St Thomas' 10am Michael Galvin RIP

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Friday 9 October Feast - St John Henry Newman

Streamed via Facebook 10am Margaret Stevens (F)

Saturday 10 October

Streamed via Facebook 10am Fr Albert van der Most RIP

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 11 October

Holy Redeemer 9am Francis' (Int)

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

Second Collection - CAFOD Family Fast Day

Monday 12 October Memorial - St Wilfred

Streamed via Facebook 10am Milagros Alba RIP

Tuesday 13 October

Holy Redeemer 10am Madeleine Kinlen RIP

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Wednesday 14 October

Streamed via Facebook 10am Florence Eden (F)

Thursday 15 October Memorial - St Teresa of Jesus

St Thomas' 10am Panashe (Int)

Followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon.

Friday 16 October

Streamed via Facebook 10am Bernard Peacock RIP

Saturday 17 October Memorial - St Iganitius of Antioch

Streamed via Facebook 10am Greta Hoye RIP

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Sunday 18 October

Holy Redeemer 9am Monica & Liam Wheeler RIP

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

Second Collection - World Mission Sunday

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



Find us on
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S.V.P. Helpline

07771 757367

Safeguarding Representative

Brenda Bailey 01424 430923

RE-OPENING FOR HOLY MASS

My thanks to all our Stewards who make it possible for us to celebrate Holy Mass together.

Face coverings are mandatory in Places of Worship. 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.
<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.
- The toilets remain closed.

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!

2020 Parish Annual Mass Count 2020: 19 / 20, 26 / 27 September & 3 / 4, 10 / 11 October for our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics. The counts take place on the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October. Thank you.

St Richard's Catholic College, Supplementary Forms: I will be available at the John Fisher Room at the following times only: Tuesday, 6th October from 3.15 to 4.15pm & Tuesday, 13th October from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. It is on a first come first served basis, with a socially distanced queue, Mass attendance: make your declaration based on your attendance between **Nov 2019-Feb 2020, as there were no Masses between Mar and July, and the obligation remains suspended.**

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

Please remember in your prayers our children making their First Holy Communion this Sunday and next.

4th October

Harry Leigh, Paula Nunes, Jennifer Button & Anton Suthersan at Holy Redeemer and James Biley, Matthew Chmielik, Arrabella Crossett and Ashwin Jeyarajan at St Thomas'.

11th October

Henrique Texiera and Charlie Hambelton at Holy Redeemer and Sullivan McShane, Maria Serwus, Harry Grimes and Oscar Smith at St Thomas'.

Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, are in hospital or housebound, especially Kirsty O'Reilly, Frances Barrett, Alan Turner, Lall Donaldson, Sheila Rowland, Patricia Burns & Mgr Barry Wymes and for those who have died recently, especially Fr Albert van der Most RIP. May they rest in peace.

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 Intention at Holy Redeemer and for Peace, love and Mercy at St Thomas'. Please pray for these intentions.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2020: Please see page 4.

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 Parish First Holy Communion will take place during Holy Masses with 4 families per Mass commencing Sunday, 4th October. If you haven't received an email, please contact Sarah Feist or the Parish Office as soon as possible

Our Parish Confirmation will take place on Saturday, 24th October at 11am at St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions numbers are limited.

WEEKLY OFFERING & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory Collections

w/c Sunday 20 September 2020

Holy Redeemer: £198.77 (GAD: £153.00)

St Thomas': £257.08 (GAD:£60.00)

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday £10.00 GAD £10.00

w/c Sunday 27 September 2020

Holy Redeemer: £198.51(GAD: £32.00) Second Collection:

St Thomas': £382.35 (GAD: £70.00)

Second Collection: Education of Future Priests £39.00 GAD: £39.00

July Standing Orders: £2,292.25 August Standing Orders: £1,577.25

Justgiving Donations: £65.16

| | £ - 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% |

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.

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

HARVEST FAST DAY 2020

This week our Parish is marking CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day, with the theme "Survive, Rebuild, Heal".

All donations will support the CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease. Let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world to survive, rebuild and heal.

Your donations will help to provide, for example:

Food and Hygiene kits in Kenya and in Sri Lanka
Volunteer Training and Distribution Coordination in Brazil
PPE in Sierra Leone

What is different this Fast Day? We will have Second Collections at Masses on Sunday 11th October and you can give at Holy Masses during the week please make sure any donations are clearly marked (cheques payable to CAFOD) but there is also a focus on giving online via the CAFOD website Appeal page (www.cafod.org.uk). There is also a QR code on the poster that links to the Appeal page and it will be possible to donate £10 by texting CAFOD to 70085

Harvest Fast Day online

There will be an opportunity to mark the Fast Day by engaging with one or more of the following online events:

Thursday October 8th 9.30am Primary Schools Assembly

10am Secondary Schools Assembly

Friday October 9th 11.00am Live Talk on Coronavirus response

6pm Live streamed Mass

Saturday October 10th 12noon Global Family Food event – join from your own kitchen

7pm Quiz Evening

Sunday October 11th 10.00am Children's Liturgy Live

Please pray for all those affected

Thank you for your generosity!