



# PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Parish Priest : Father Mícheál Beatty

Deacon : Ian Moon



I am celebrating Holy Mass daily and endeavouring to share via Facebook as per the schedule below. Our Parish Facebook Page is Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonards on Sea & website is

[www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net](http://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net)

## Season of Advent

### New Liturgical Year - Sunday Cycle Year B

**Sunday 29 November** St Thomas' open for Private Prayer with Exposition from 9.30am until 10.30am followed by Holy Mass celebrated privately at 11am and shared via Facebook - Intention - Pro Populo

#### Monday 30 November

Streamed via Facebook 10am Danny & Ann Collard RIP

**Tuesday 1 December** 10am Gifty Rubin (Int) via Facebook St Thomas' open from 11am until 12 noon for Private Prayer with Exposition

#### Wednesday 2 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Kevin Gilbert RIP

#### Thursday 3 December Public Holy Mass Resumes

St Thomas' 10am Gavin Fellows RIP followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon

#### Friday 4 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Rubin Jose (Int)

#### Saturday 5 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Fr Richard Lear CJ RIP

### Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

**St Thomas' 6pm Vigil - Anna Gallop (Int)**

#### Sunday 6 December

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Private Intention

#### Monday 7 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Tim Coates RIP

#### Tuesday 8 December

Holy Redeemer 10am Joshiva Rubin (Int) followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon

#### Wednesday 9 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Paula Hunt RIP

#### Thursday 10 December

St Thomas' 10am Fr Richard Lear CJ RIP followed by Private Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon

#### Friday 11 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am DFR of Carew & Burchett Families

#### Saturday 12 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am DFR of Haywood Family

### Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

**St Thomas' 6pm Pro Populo**

#### Sunday 13 December

Holy Redeemer 9am Arthur Frederick James Henman RIP

St Thomas' 11am Bill Gadd RIP

### Second Collection - Sea 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated this week for a Private Intention.

Please pray for these intentions.

## Contacts

**Parish Office - Liz is in the office, 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](http://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net)

Parish Office Email Address:

[stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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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Brenda Bailey 01424 430923

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### **RE-OPENING FOR HOLY MASS (AGAIN!)**

Great news we will be able to celebrate Holy Mass again publicly - see the front page which outlines the schedule for both our churches. My thanks to all our Stewards who continue to make it possible for us to celebrate Holy Mass together again.

*Face coverings remain 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>

**Vigil Mass:** The Vigil Mass will resume on Saturday, 5th December at 6pm.

Holy Communion, for those who wish to receive it, will be given AFTER Mass. Please come forward as directed. Immediately after you have received

Holy Communion, please leave the church, following the "one way system". You cannot receive Holy Communion whilst wearing gloves.

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.

**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.

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

- The Sunday Obligation remains 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 showing any symptoms of illness.
- If you have attended Mass during the week, please be generous in allowing space for others to attend at the weekend.
- 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!

### **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](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk) should you require any information regarding Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Funerals or Anointing. Please remember that 'Last Rites' doesn't mean last minute.

### **AGM UPDATE**

Regrettably due to the pandemic we have been unable to have our usual Parish AGM. A copy of the annual accounts & statement is attached. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank one of our Parishioners who has generously donated £2,000 towards the Offertory. This is very welcome and much needed during these difficult times - I am most grateful.

### **LOCAL NOTICES**

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

**Poinsettia Donations Please:** We would like to make both our Churches look as beautiful as every other Christmas! If you are able to donate a Poinsettia for either Church donations are welcome from Tuesday, 15th December. We would be most grateful.

**Christmas Holy Masses:** After much consideration and following the example of many of our other parishes we will have a booking system for our Christmas Holy Masses. Our Masses will be as follows:  
**Christmas Eve - Thursday, 24th December**  
**St Thomas'**  
4pm Vigil Mass  
8pm Mass of Midnight  
**Holy Redeemer**  
6pm Vigil Mass  
**Christmas Day - Friday, 25th December**  
**Holy Redeemer** 9am Mass at Dawn  
**St Thomas'** 11am Christmas Day Mass  
Bookings will be taken from Tuesday, 8th December. To book a place contact the office on 01424 420815 or email [stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk). Please note couples or households of up to 6 people may sit together. Capacities: Holy Redeemer 31 units of people & St Thomas' 30 units of people. Places will be allocated and tickets issued on a first come first served basis. This is for your safety and for everyone else.

**CAFOD:** Including late donations received for the Harvest Fast Day Coronavirus Appeal the total amount was £513.00 - many thanks for your generous response via the Parish and also to those who donated directly to CAFOD. You can purchase World Gifts for Christmas via the CAFOD website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) You can also join CAFOD Advent Prayer - A Journey to the Manger - Sunday evenings from 6 pm, also via the website.

**Surviving Christmas:** Our Parish usually supports through our Advent Giving Tree and a Retiring Collection, is this year asking for donations to enable distribution of hundreds of Christmas Hampers to local homeless and vulnerable people. Details on [www.survivingchristmas.co.uk](http://www.survivingchristmas.co.uk)

**Supplementary Form Signing for St Mary Star of the Sea Primary School Admissions 2021:** Fr Miceal will sign forms in the John Fisher Room as follows: Tuesday, 8th December 3.15pm to 4.15pm and Thursday, 10th December from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Parents are required to sign the declaration and state "YES" or "NO" to have attended Holy Mass at least once a month prior to April 2020.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & END OF YEAR STATEMENTS & ACCOUNTS**

### **Weekly Offertory Collections**

**8th November 2020**

**Total: £681.91 (GAD:£287.00)**

**15th Sunday 2020**

**Total: £695.65 (GAD:£130.00)**

**October Standing Orders:£1816.25 September Standing Orders: £2,052.25**

### **From Fr Míceál**

Well what a few months it has been! Who would have thought that back in March we would have closed our doors to the Church not to reopen until July only for them to be closed again in November?! I am sure it has been difficult at times for many of us, but I feel privileged to have been able to celebrate Holy Mass and share it every day since March. There have been some technical hitches along the way, but overall it's been a success and real joy for me to know you are out there and we are together albeit remotely. Here is a brief update for you as we are unable to have a AGM at this time. I will give a fuller report when we are able to gather once again.

We are blessed in so many ways and it gives me great joy to be able to once again celebrate Holy Mass together in our churches four times a week and an opportunity for private prayer with Exposition twice a week and from November 7th we will resume the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm. I know numbers are limited and I thank you for your patience and understanding. I would like to also mention that the sacrament of reconciliation is also available before and after all Holy Masses. Despite Covid-19 we have been able to celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion with 28 of our children and administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 5 of our young adults. Our SVP are meeting once again albeit socially distanced and many have mastered the art of 'Zooming'. David Roberts has completed a course in Bereavement Support and is available to offer support to the recently bereaved in terms of personal contact, help in adapting to new situations, advice on seeking more specialist help and most importantly a sympathetic ear.

All in all we are slowly and cautiously getting used to life with Covid-19 and I am grateful to our Stewards/Cleaners who make it possible for us to open our churches and make every effort to keep us all safe.

I am, as always, very grateful for your continued generosity and below is an update from Solomon our Finance Chair on behalf of the Committee together with a copy of our end of year figures.

Please be assured my ongoing prayers and many blessings,

**Fr Míceál  
Parish Priest**

### **From Solomon Ezobi, Finance Chair**

Greetings, just a brief overview on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019. It was a roller coaster year, but we have through your generosity & continued support weathered the storm, so far.

2019 was the year we migrated from the old accounting system to the new system called ACCOUNTSIQ; a well established accounting software, cloud bases, which supports full consolidation from within the Diocese and each parish with its own stand-alone data base. There is no migration without initial difficulty, and we experienced that with the consolidation of our bank accounts resulting in loss of GAD (Gift Aid Donations) standing order income.

Overall, the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 broke even in December 2019 with the £529 and a year to date excess of expenditure over income of (£3,989).

As a Committee we will continue to look forward by implementing savings and introducing best practice across both communities where we can. Our Halls will remain closed and we will review this in January 2021. We have reviewed our working practices for invoicing and payments in relation to the Holy Redeemer Hall and to reassure you both halls are now being managed centrally.

Please note that any donations should now 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; cakes sales etc.

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your unending support and generosity - our next newsletter will include ways in which you can continue to give to the Parish.

Warmest regards,

**Solomon Ezobi  
Finance Chair**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO DEC 2019  
 PARRISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REVERER

(12/03/2019 - 31/12/2019)

	£ - Dec 2019	£ - Last Year	£ - Variance	% Variance	£ - YTD	£ - Last Year	£ - Variance	% Variance
<b>INCOME:</b>								
Donations & Legacies (inc Offerings)	18,429.00	0.00	18,429.00		128,125.00	0.00		
Grants	68.00	0.00	68.00		115.00	0.00		
Other	18,472.00	0.00	18,472.00	0%	128,172.00	0.00	128,172.00	0%
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>								
Advancement of RC (with)	185	0.00	185.00		-3140.00	0.00	-3140.00	
Staff	-2,308.00	0.00	-1,300.00		-25,551	0	-25,551.00	
Travel	0	0	0		-28.00	0	-28.00	
Chery	-3052.00	0.00	-1,032.00		-4,1899.00	0.00	-18,389.00	
Establishment	-912.00	0.00	-642.00		-22,280.00	0.00	-22,280.00	
Property	-437.00	0.00	-437.00		-22,844.00	0.00	-22,844	
Finance Cost	0	0.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	
Funds	-3855	0.00	-3855.00		-6,402.00	0.00	-6,402.00	
Sub Total: Expenditure	-4,988.00	0.00	-9988.00		-109,812.00	0.00	-109,812.00	
Diocesan Levy/Transfer	-2,500.00	0.00	-2,500.00		-22,868.00	0.00	-22,868.00	
Total Expenditure:	-17,988.00	0.00	-17,988.00		-132,160.00	0	-132,160.00	
Excess of Income/(Expenditure)	579.00	0.00	579.00	0%	-3,889.00	0.00	-3,889.00	0%

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DEC 2019

	£ - December	£ - Previous Year	£ Annual Movement
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	-£ 72,424.00	£ -	-72,424.00
Cash	176,271.00	108,332.00	66,939.00
	103,847.00	108,332.00	-4,485.00
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:</b>			
Creditors	4,137.00	0.00	4,137.00
Net Assets (Liabilities)	169,694.00	108,332.00	61,362.00
<b>Churchwide Funds:</b>			
Funds	112,284.00	109,191.00	1,093.00
Surplus (Deficit)	-3,589.00	0.00	-3,589.00
	108,695.00	109,191.00	-4,496.00