



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. Our Parish Facebook Page is Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonards on Sea & website is www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net

Season of Advent

Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

Saturday, 12th December

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

Monday 14 December Memorial St John of the Cross

Streamed via Facebook 10am Helena Powell (Int)

Tuesday 15 December

Holy Redeemer 10am John Cox RIP followed by Private

Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon

Wednesday 16 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Patricia Mary Taylor (F)

Thursday 17 December In Greater Advent 'O Sapientia'

St Thomas' 10am Sue & Pat Lee (Int) followed by Private

Prayer with Exposition until 12 noon

Friday 18 December in Greater Advent 'O Adonai'

Streamed via Facebook 10am Benefactors (F)

Saturday 19 December in Greater Advent 'O Radix Jesse'

Streamed via Facebook 10am Bill and Monica Wheeler RIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Clavis David' (Cycle B)

St Thomas' 6pm Pro Populo

Sunday 20 December

Holy Redeemer 9am Gerry Doyle RIP

St Thomas' 11am Peter Seery RIP

Please pray for Bella Grant who will receive her First Holy Communion this morning at St Thomas'.

The Sanctuary Lamps have been donated this week for Private Intentions at both Holy Redeemer and St Thomas'. Please pray for these intentions.

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.

Contacts

Parish Office - Liz is in the office 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

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434532

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07771 757367

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RE-OPENING FOR HOLY MASS (AGAIN!)

Great news we are 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. The Vigil Mass resumed on Saturday, 5th December at 6pm.

The Sacrament of Confession is available after all Holy Masses during December or by appointment. Please ring the office on 01424 420185 to arrange.

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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 closed.
- Children's Liturgies will not be offered for the time being.
- 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 and to keep us all safe. So, be kind to each other, be sensible and be good!

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.

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.

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, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Funerals or Anointing. Please remember that 'Last Rites' doesn't mean last minute.

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 Monica Percy 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.

Booking of 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.

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 Advent Appeal: Saba and her children were forced to flee from their home in Myanmar three years ago to escape horrific violence and when they arrived at a refugee camp in Bangladesh, local experts from our church network were there to help. Saba was given a shelter kit including essential materials to build a place to live. If you would like to help people like Saba, please make a donation via the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk towards the Advent Appeal. Thank you

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Justice & Peace Webinar 2021: How Should this Diocese Respond to the Food Poverty Crisis? Join our free Justice & Peace Webinar to find out what parishes can do to help on Saturday 16th January 2021: 10 am to 12.30 pm. To book your free place and receive the Zoom link, contact Rosie Read, Social Action Secretary, at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

Do you speak Arabic, Farsi, Tigrinya or Kurdish Sorani? Volunteer Interpreters Needed: If you do Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would welcome your help. If you would be able to help please contact Josie: josie@gdwg.org.uk We will need to take references, carry out an interview and DBS checks as we do with all of the many volunteers who support our work. Thank you.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly Offertory Collections

Upto and including Sunday, 7th December 2020

Holy Redeemer: £407.21 (GAD:£243.00)

St Thomas': £596.23 (GAD: £60.00)

November Standing Orders: £1,831.25 October Standing Orders: £1,816.25

Justgiving Donations: £ nil

The Crib Collection this year is in support of the Catholic Children's Society's Crisis Fund. Funds will be used to support their work with local children and families, many of whom have faced great hardship as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. There are many more families in need of support and parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support his important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund to support local families in need. Due to Covid, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can also make a donation.

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.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

**Fr Miceal
Parish Priest**