



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



Season of Advent

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

Monday 21 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Canon Segesser (F)

Tuesday 22 December

Holy Redeemer 10am Fr Timothy John St Clair Garratt RIP **No Private Prayer today**

Wednesday 23 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Matthew Brady & Family (F)

Thursday 24 December

Streamed via Facebook 10am Fr Barry Wymes RIP

The Season of Christmas

The Solemnity of the Vigil Mass of the Nativity

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Mass - Priest's Intention

Holy Redeemer 6pm Vigil Mass - Priest's Intention

The Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

St Thomas' 8pm Midnight Mass - Priest's Intention

Collection - Clergy Christmas Offering

Friday 25 December

Holy Redeemer 9am 'Shepherds' Mass at Dawn - Priests Int

St Thomas' 11am Christmas Day Mass - Pro Populo

Collection - Clergy Christmas Offering

Saturday 26 December Feast - St Stephen, First Martyr

Streamed via Facebook 10am Bill Gadd RIP

No Vigil Mass today

Sunday 27 December - Feast - The Holy Family

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Bozena Dobrzynska RIP &

Piotr Dobrzynski RIP

Monday 28 December Feast - Holy Innocents

Streamed via Facebook 10am Fr Timothy Garrett RIP

Tuesday 29 December Feast - St Thomas Becket

Holy Redeemer 10am The McNally Family (Int) **No Private Prayer today**

Wednesday 30 December Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Streamed via Facebook 10am Canon Segesser (F)

Thursday 31 December Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

St Thomas' 10am A M M Molloy (F) **No Private Prayer today**

The Year of Our Lord 2021

Friday 1 January Solemnity - Mary, Mother of God

Streamed via Facebook 12 noon Purcell Family (Int)

Saturday 2 January Memorial Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Streamed via Facebook 10am Frances Moens (F)

Second Sunday of Christmas (Cycle B)

St Thomas' 6pm The Duffin Family (Int)

Sunday 3 January

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am James McCoy & Family (Int)

Monday 4 January

Streamed via Facebook 10am Thomas & Bernie McCoy (Int)

Tuesday 5 January

Holy Redeemer 10am Sarah McCoy (Int) **No Private Prayer today**

Wednesday 6 January - Solemnity - The Epiphany of the Lord

Streamed via Facebook 10am Shaun McCoy & Family (Int)

Thursday 7 January

St Thomas' 10am David Lally RIP **No Private Prayer today**

Friday 8 January

Streamed via Facebook 10am Elizabeth Loughlin (Int)

Saturday 9 January

Streamed via Facebook 10am The Lally Family (Int)

The Baptism of the Lord

St Thomas; 6pm Vigil - Pro Populo

Sunday 10 January

Holy Redeemer 9am Heffernan & Haran Family (Int)

St Thomas' 11am Bill Gadd RIP

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

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www.parihofthegoodshepherd.net

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East Sussex, TN37 7AS

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The Ridge, Hastings

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after hours, and ask for the Chaplain to be

paged.

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GUIDANCE FOR HOLY MASS

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

This week we moved into Tier 3. Simply, this means we can continue to celebrate Holy Mass together, but please note the following: Places of worship are open, but people cannot interact with anyone outside their household or support bubble.

Face coverings remain mandatory. 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.

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.

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.

Clergy Christmas Offering: Envelopes are available at both our churches for your Christmas Offering to our Parish Priest - please place your envelope in the offertory collection at any of the Christmas Holy Masses. Thank you.

LOCAL NOTICES

Christmas Message from Fr Míceál

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas. I pray for you all in the hope that 2021 will see an end to this pandemic and we will once again be able to celebrate fully as a Parish family. Thank you all so much for your support and concern for me during this time which has been challenging for all of us. Let us place ourselves under the Patronage of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. Together with the Holy Father 'let us increase our love for the great Saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and imitate his virtues and his zeal.' Amen.

Many blessings to you all and be assured of my continued prayers. Fr M

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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, Fr Michael Gwinnell RIP & Father Michael Feben RIP. May they rest in peace.

Also please pray for Bella Grant who will receive her First Holy Communion at St Thomas' on Sunday, 20th December.

The Office will be closed from 3pm on Thursday, 24th December until Thursday, 7th January 2021.

Private Prayer with Exposition is now suspended and will resume on Tuesday, 12th January 2021.

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

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.

Virtual Carols and Readings: St. Thomas' Music Group will be hosting a half hour of Readings and Carols via Zoom on Tuesday 22nd December at 7 pm. If you would like to join us, or to find out more, please register at linda.dignum@btinternet.com. For practical reasons, it will be necessary to limit numbers.

Christmas Trees: A huge thank you to Darren and his team at Blackbrooks Garden Centre who have generously donated and delivered both our trees this year. Had they not made this gift to us we sadly this year would have been unable to justify the expenditure. We are very grateful.

Offertory Donation: I am most grateful for an anonymous donation of £500 towards our Offertory Collection.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly Offertory Collections

Sunday, 13th December 2020
Holy Redeemer: £386.55 (GAD:£43.00)
St Thomas': £511.48 (GAD: £70)

The Crib Collection this year is in support of the Catholic Children's Society's Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund. Since March the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over 5,500 children and their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. One family were caring for their very sick child when the father lost his job. With no recourse to public funds they faced a bleak and uncertain future. CCS provided support with food and accommodation costs for several weeks, giving the Father time to find a new job as a delivery driver. He said; "You have helped my family when we were at our lowest point. I can never thank you enough for the kindness you have showed us. You give us hope during a very dark time. We will be forever grateful."

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 Míceál
Parish Priest