



# 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



Our churches are now open albeit with limited numbers. I will  
celebrate Holy Mass daily 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)

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week has been donated for  
Private Intention at both St Thomas' and Holy Redeemer.

Please pray for these intentions.

### **Saturday 1 May**

St Thomas' 6pm Vigil Mass - Monica Stanfield RIP

### **Sunday 2 May**

Holy Redeemer 9am Reader Family (Int)

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

### **Monday 3 May**

Holy Redeemer 10am HRH, The Prince Philip RIP

### **Tuesday 4 May Feast, The English Martyrs**

St Thomas' 10am Dom Holmes RIP

### **Wednesday 5 May**

Streamed via Facebook Ann Sterling RIP

### **Thursday 6 May**

St Thomas' 10am Joseph Rose RIP

### **Friday 7 May**

Holy Redeemer 1pm Requiem Mass Dom Holmes RIP

### **Saturday 8 May**

Holy Redeemer 10am Peter High RIP

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week has been donated for Special  
Intentions at both Holy Redeemer and St Thomas'. Please pray  
for these intentions.

St Thomas' 6pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

### **Sunday 9 May**

Holy Redeemer 9am Dom Holmes RIP

St Thomas' 11am Piotr Dobrzynski RIP

### **Monday 10 May**

Holy Redeemer 10am Dom Holmes RIP

### **Tuesday 11 May**

Holy Redeemer 10am Willson-White Family (Int)

### **Wednesday 12 May**

Streamed via Facebook 10am Maureen Holland RIP

Holy Redeemer 6pm Vigil Mass - Peg & Michael Donnelly RIP

### **Holy Day of Obligation - The Ascension of the Lord**

### **Thursday 13 May**

St Thomas' 10am Agnes & Paddy Breen RIP

### **Friday 14 May**

Holy Redeemer 10am Ken Lucas RIP

### **Saturday 15 May**

Holy Redeemer 10am Dom Holmes RIP

Holy Redeemer 3pm Myro Salabar Rite

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)**

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

St Thomas' 6pm Vigil Mass - Mary & Joe Feeny RIP

### **Sunday 16 May**

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Bill Gadd RIP

## **Contacts**

**Parish Office** - Liz is in the office and social dis-  
tancing measures are being observed. If you  
require any assistance or have a query, please  
feel free to contact the office via telephone or  
email [stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk) and we 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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07771 757367

Safeguarding Representative  
Brenda Bailey 01424 430923

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## 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 Dom Holmes RIP & Ken Lucas RIP. May they rest in peace.

Dom Holmes **RIP**: The Requiem Mass for Dom Holmes will be at Holy Redeemer Church on Friday, 7th May at 1pm. Please remember Dom and his family in your prayers.

**Update on request for Help—see page 3:** Thank you to those of you who have responded to my request to help in and around the Parish. So far I have had five responses to my appeal. I feel we can do much better than that—don't you?! Do please consider my request - we need volunteers to be able to continue to grow both pastorally and as a community.

**40 Hours - "Could you not watch one hour with me?"**  
Matt 26:40

*Let's make time to give thanks to God for the many graces and blessings we have received during what has been a very difficult period. If you can spare an hour of two in adoration to watch with the Lord please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Our 40 Hours will commence with Holy Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25th May at St Thomas' and conclude with 10am Holy Mass on Thursday, 27th May.*

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday 18th April : £402.62 (GAD: £128.41)**

**Sunday 25th April: £499.50 (GAD: £168.50)**

**Huge thanks - This week we received two further anonymous donations totalling £1,500.00 received - we are most 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](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory) **Cheque:** Please send your cheque, payable to The Parish of the Good Shepherd, to the Parish Office. **Standing Order:** HSBC, A&B Diocesan Trust Registered Charity, The Parish of the Good Shepherd, Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 31078291. **Finance** ([abdiocese.org.uk](http://abdiocese.org.uk)) 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](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk) telephone 01424 420815. I am grateful for your continued support.

**Important Update:** All Holy Masses are now being celebrated publicly apart from Wednesdays which continues to be streamed via Facebook. Our capacity at St Thomas' is 30 places and Holy Redeemer is 31 places. Holy Masses are detailed on the front page. Social distancing & Track and Trace remain necessary and my continued thanks to our Stewards/Cleaners who make it possible for us all to celebrate safely together. Please do not gather outside the church after Holy Mass and kindly only attend one Mass a week - if you can attend during the week, please do so. Also please be reminded that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Overall please continue to be patient. Click below for the full guidance.

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales](http://www.catholicbishops.org.uk)

## LOCAL NOTICES (contd.)

**Urgent Help Needed:** One of our neighbours at Holy Redeemer has been in contact, as the trees from our garden are very overgrown and require cutting back. If anyone is able to assist or knows of someone who can help could they kindly contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

**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. If the date you require is already taken, you will be given the next available Holy Mass.

## ADVICE REGARDING SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish Office, on 01424 420815 or email [stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk) should you require any further information regarding Sacraments.

**Confirmation Programme 2021:** Details of the 2021 Confirmation Programme will be circulated in due course.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Bereavement Support:** Across the Diocese we now have a team of 68 trained Bereavement Supporters, who are able to offer either 1-2-1 support to those who are feeling the hurt, confusion or uncertainty of loss, whether caused by the loss of someone that was important to them or general feelings of loss caused through the lockdown/shielding and isolation. If you feel you could benefit from this support, please contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage week:** From the 10th to 16th May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey." Pope Francis, 21st December 2015.

**Calling all parents and those supporting families on the adventure of faith!** The Colour and Shape Online community is a new way to resource, inspire, and connect families looking for support as they accompany their children on their own faith journey. Together we are exploring how to live a joy-filled life of faith that creates sacred space in the home and celebrates the liturgical seasons of the church creatively and sustainably. But it's not just for parents! The network is for all those supporting families and gathers together grandparents, godparents, teachers, youth workers, clergy, children's liturgy leaders, and catechists so that we can all inspire and learn from each other. Throughout the year we run courses online (such as the 'Parenting for Faith' course) and beginning May 4th we will be starting 'The Prayer Course' (from 24/7 Prayer) – an eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer which discusses a wide variety of prayer practices and themes. There will be optional Zoom meetings on Thursday evenings, beginning May 6th, and all are welcome! Visit [www.colourandshapeonline.com](http://www.colourandshapeonline.com) to find out more about the community and to sign up. It's free and we can't wait to meet you!

**Worth Abbey Online Retreats:** Please click to find out more <http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>.



The news of the Government's plans for ending Lockdown has been very welcome. It can be an encouragement for us to start thinking about the Parish as we look to the future. I think it is very clear that we cannot simply carry on from where we left off as if nothing had happened. As things become easier there will be much to do. This is NOT an appeal for money. You are always generous in that way, but I am looking for volunteers to help in any way in the areas listed below: Your Parish needs you!

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:-**

**EVANGELISATION** • Study groups • Talks on matters of interest • Outreach to people interested to know more about the Faith.

**LITURGY** • Sacristy: Preparing everything for Mass • Altar serving • Involving children in the Liturgy • Welcoming and greeting at the porch door • Choir/music group • Flowers • Church cleaning to include Sacristy and surrounding areas.

**PASTORAL CARE** • Care group • Bereavement group • Visiting the sick and housebound • Offering practical help to elderly and housebound

**ECUMENISM** • Joint prayer and joint study groups

**COMMUNICATION** • Newsletter production and distribution. • How the Parish might make more effective use of modern technology and modern media of communication. • Contact with media in order to engage.

**STEWARDSHIP** • Maintenance of property etc • Gardening • Health & Safety Toolbox.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES** • Helping adults, young people and children and their parents to prepare for the Sacraments. • Baptism • First Holy Communion • Confirmation • Marriage

**SOCIAL CONCERNS** • Local charities • International Charities • CAFOD • Aid to the Church in Need.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** • Organising Fundraising events • Organising social gatherings • Arranging meet & greet evenings for new parishioners.

Do you have an hour to spare or maybe more? Would you be able and willing to help out in any of the areas listed above? If so, would you please make yourself known to me. You can ring the office, email: [stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk), call at the Presbytery or catch me after Holy Mass?

This is by no means a complete list. You may well have other areas that could be developed that haven't been included. I look forward to hearing from you.

Many blessings,

*Fr. Michael Beatty*

**Fr Míceál  
Parish Priest**