



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



The Season of Christmas

Friday, 24th December (No 10am Mass)

The Solemnity of the Vigil Mass of the Nativity

Carol Music from 3.30pm

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Mass Fr Desmond Baker RIP

The Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

Holy Redeemer 7pm Mass of Midnight Priest's Intention

Saturday 25th December (No Vigil Mass)

'Shepherds' Mass at Dawn

Holy Redeemer 9am Priest's Intention

Christmas Day Mass

St Thomas' 11am Priest's Intention

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, 26th December

Holy Redeemer 9am Deceased member of Haran & Heffernan Families

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

Monday 27 December Feast St John Apostle & Evangelist

Holy Redeemer 10am Sarah McCoy (Int)

Tuesday 28 December

Holy Redeemer 10am Thomas & Bernie McCoy (Int)

Wednesday 29 December Feast, St Thomas Becket, Martyr

St Thomas' 10am James & Bernie McCoy (Int)

Thursday 30 December Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

St Thomas' 10am Canon Segesser (F)

Friday 31 December Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Holy Redeemer 10am The Purcell Family (Int)

The Year of Our Lord 2022

Saturday 1 January Solemnity, Mary, Mother of God

12 noon Holy Redeemer Elizabeth & Eugene (Int)

Second Sunday of Christmas (Cycle C)

St Thomas' 6pm Anna Forte RIP

Sunday 2 January

Holy Redeemer 9am Thomas Eluppakkatty (Int)

St Thomas' 11am Antoni & Lidia (Int)

Monday 3 January

Holy Redeemer 10am The Smith Family (Int)

Tuesday 4 January

Holy Redeemer 10am Daniel Lalley (Int)

Wednesday 5 January

Holy Redeemer Vigil Mass 6pm Pro Populo

Thursday 6 January Solemnity - The Epiphany of the Lord

St Thomas' 10am Ruby Divito RIP

Friday 7 January

Holy Redeemer 10am John Leitch RIP

Saturday 8 January

Holy Redeemer 10am Private Intention

Feast - The Baptism of the Lord

St Thomas; 6pm Vigil - Ruby Divito RIP

Sunday 9 January

Holy Redeemer 9am Sr's Frances-Teresa, Paul & Marie Therese

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo 6

Monday 10 January

Holy Redeemer 10am Judy Harkins (Int)

Tuesday 11 January

Holy Redeemer 10am Sean Harkins (Int) followed by Adoration until 12pm

Wednesday 12 January NO MASS

Thursday 13 January

St Thomas' 10am Mary Irwin RIP followed by Adoration until 12pm

Friday 14 January

Holy Redeemer 10am Di & Mike Richardson (Int)

Saturday 15 January

Holy Redeemer 10am The Carey Family (Int)

Contacts

For booking enquiries, please contact Cathie on 07502482066 and leave a message or email hallbookings@yahoo.co.uk. For further details regarding our halls go to Hall Bookings at www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net

The Presbytery

31c Magdalen Road

Open - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am until 3pm Phone : 01424 420 815

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St. Leonards-on-Sea,

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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.

Poor Clare Community:

22 Upper Church Road, St Leonards on Sea,

Tel: 01424 751 214

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Filsham Road, St Leonards on Sea

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Good Shepherd, St Leonards on Sea



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www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net

Newsletter: Items should be submitted on Wednesdays, by 12 noon & if you would like to be sent a paper copy, please contact the Parish Office.

LOCAL NOTICES

Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Ronald Haywood, Kirsty O'Reilly, Frances Barrett, Alan Turner, Shelagh Rowland & Patricia Burns and for those who have died recently, especially Fr Desmond. May they rest in peace.

Fr Desmond Baker RIP: *It is with great sadness I announce the death of Fr Desmond. He died peacefully at the Conquest Hospital on Monday, 20th December 2021. Details of his funeral will be circulated in due course. Requiescat in Pace.*

The Christmas Crib offering: This year's Christmas Crib Offering is for Catholic Children's Society. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

Clergy Christmas Offering: The 24th, 25th & 26th December Christmas offering is for our Parish Priest. As you know Catholic Priests do not take a salary, so they rely on your generosity at Christmas & Easter time as a thank you for all they do for their parish. Please pick up envelope available in both our porches. You can also give via bank transfer (details below) marking your deposit as Christmas Offering. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Local COVID 19: As I'm sure you are all aware Legal Restrictions have been lifted, but precautions remain. From 10th December you must wear a face covering in most indoor settings including places of worship, unless exempt. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter. Please find our local guidance here: [covid-19-step-4-.pdf \(wordpress.com\)](#) or go to our parish website [www.parihofthegoodsheperd.net](#). For the latest guidance from the [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#).

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 12 December : £526.64 (GAD: £184.50)
Sunday 19 December: £390.11 (GAD: £120.50)

We have received a further anonymous donation of £1,000.00. As always, I am most grateful for your generosity on behalf of the Parish.

How can I give to the Parish?

Apart from the offertory basket there are other methods that are available:

Just Giving – Please visit [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 \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#) How do I add Gift Aid? If you pay tax, the Parish can reclaim an additional 25% of your offering. 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>

LOCAL NOTICES CONTD.

Christmas Message from Fr Míceál

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas. I repeat my intention from last year to continue to pray for you all in the hope that 2022 will see an end to this pandemic and we will once again be able to celebrate fully as a Parish family without any restrictions.

We have interesting times ahead and again I ask that we 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

The Parish office will be closed from 3pm on Friday, 24th December 2021 reopening on Thursday, 6th January 2022.

DEC Afghanistan Crisis Appeal: If you would like to help 8 million people on the brink of famine this winter in Afghanistan, online donations can be made to either [www.donations.dec.org.uk](#) or [www.cafod.org.uk](#) Thank you.

Adoration: For the next two weeks Adoration in both churches is suspended, so there will be no Adoration the week beginning 27/12/21 or 3/01/22. Adoration will resume in both churches the week beginning 10th January. Many thanks to all those parishioners who have supported parish Adoration during Advent.

ADVICE REGARDING SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment to see me.

First Holy Communion: Registrations for the 2021 Programme is now closed. 2022 dates will be advertised in due course.

Confirmation Programme 2021/22: Registration is now closed for 2021/22.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment to see me. One year's notice is required.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are going into Hospital for any medical reason and wish to be anointed, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. The anointing of the sick is also administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness.