



## 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



### Fourth Sunday in Advent, 'O Adonai' (Cycle A)

#### Confession available following all Holy Masses this week

The Sanctuary Lamps this week have been donated for peace in the Ukraine at St Thomas' & Holy Redeemer. Please pray for this intention

#### Saturday 17 December

St Thomas' 6pm Vigil Mass - Arthur Dale (RIP) & Christine Dale (Int)

#### Sunday 18 December

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Mary & Patrick Carr RIP

#### Monday 19 December

Holy Redeemer 9.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Redeemer 10am Bill, Monica & Liam Wheeler RIP

#### Tuesday 20 December

Holy Redeemer 9.30am Holy Rosary

Holy Redeemer 10am Catherine & Rowley Families (Int) followed by Adoration until 11.30

#### Wednesday 21 December NO HOLY MASS

#### Thursday 22 December

St Thomas' 10am Departed Conferees of Salesian Missionaries (Int) followed by Adoration until 11.30am.

#### Friday 23 December

St Thomas' 10am Parents & Grandparents of Michael Haywood RIP

### The Season of Christmas

#### Saturday, 24th December (No 10am Mass)

#### The Solemnity of the Vigil Mass of the Nativity

Holy Redeemer 3.30pm Carols & Reading's followed by Vigil Mass at 4pm Priest's Intention

#### The Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

St Thomas' 6.30pm Carols & Readings followed by Mass of Midnight at 7pm Priest's Intention

#### Sunday 25th December 'Shepherds' Mass at Dawn

Holy Redeemer 9am Priest's Intention

#### Christmas Day Mass

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

#### Monday, 26th December Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr

10am Holy Redeemer Gerry Keane RIP

#### Tuesday 27th December NO HOLY MASS

#### Wednesday 28th December NO HOLY MASS

#### Thursday 29th December NO HOLY MASS

#### Friday 30th December NO HOLY MASS

#### Saturday 31st NO 10AM HOLY MASS

### The Year of our Lord 2023

St Thomas' 6pm Vigil Mass - Jenny Morris RIP

#### Sunday, 1st January 2023

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Joseph Rowley RIP

#### Monday, 2nd January NO HOLY MASS

#### Tuesday, 3rd January NO HOLY MASS

#### Wednesday, 4th January NO HOLY MASS

#### Thursday, 5th January NO HOLY MASS

#### Friday, 6th January Solemnity - The Epiphany of the Lord

St Thomas' 10am Brendan Galvin RIP

#### Saturday 7th January

Holy Redeemer 10am Sam Bloc RIP

### The Baptism of the Lord

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St Thomas' 6pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

#### Sunday 8th January

Holy Redeemer 9am John Leitch RIP

St Thomas' 11am Patrick & Elizabeth Donnellan RIP

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### Contacts

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

#### 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:

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#### St. Thomas of Canterbury Church:

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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,

Tel: 01424 751 214

#### Canonesses of St Augustine

Filsham Road, St Leonards on Sea

Tel: 01424 434532

#### St. Mary Star of the Sea Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Claire O'Rourke

Tel: 01424 427801

#### St. Richards Catholic College

Principal : Miss Doreen Cronin 01424 731070

#### Safeguarding Representative

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Good Shepherd, St Leonards on Sea



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

**Newsletter: Items should be submitted by Wednesday, 12 noon & if you would like to be sent a paper copy or email copy please contact the parish office.**

### LOCAL NOTICES

*Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, in hospital or housebound, Kirsty O'Reilly, Alan Turner, Shelagh Rowland & Patricia Burns and for those who have died recently, especially Barry Barrable, Sr Joyce & Mary Chilvers. May they rest in peace.*

**Sr Joyce Mary Cronin RIP:** Sr Joyce's funeral will be on Monday, 9th January 2023 at 11am at Holy Redeemer Church.

**Christmas Message:** As this is the last newsletter for 2022 I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to you all for your continued support and generosity during the past year. I am grateful to everyone who volunteers within the parish however big or small. It feels like we are slowly returning to normality and it gives me great pleasure to see our numbers increase week on week as confidence builds amongst us. If you know anyone who is still unsure about returning to Holy Mass, why not invite them along with you and encourage them to join us again - they are greatly missed. I wish you all a blessed and holy Christmas and please be assured of my prayers now and in 2023. Fr M

**Clergy Christmas Offering:** Collections on 24th & 25th are for our Parish Priest. Catholic Priests do not take a salary, and rely on your generosity at Christmas and Easter time as a thank you for all they do for their parish. Please pick up an envelope available in both our churches or you can give via bank transfer marking your deposit as Christmas Offering. The bank details are: RCD A & B, Parish of the Good Shepherd, Sort Code: 40-50-20, account number: 31078291. Many thanks in anticipation for your generosity. Solomon Ezobi, Chair, Finance Committee

**Front Pews:** The front pews are reserved for our young families. Please do bring your children up to front of the church.

**Parish Office:** Please note the office will be closed from Friday, 23rd December 2022 from midday and reopen on Thursday, 5th January 2023.

**St Mary Star of the Sea and Good Shepherd Parishes Grandparent Group:** (This includes honorary grandparents, God parents and all those interested in the spiritual life of our young people, especially those who give that reassuring smile when needed!). Our new Grandparent Group came together on Wednesday 30th November following Fr. Eamonn's new monthly mass for grandparents and all those caring for the spiritual life of our young people. At this gathering we were addressed by the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin as well as the Diocesan Grandparent Group Co-ordinator, Mrs Christine Evans. Both speakers were delighted to know that our first official meeting will be held on Wednesday January 18th in the Parish Hall along with coffee following the 10.00 am mass. Please join us to find out more about this very important ministry. For further information please contact: Ellen 07749 413162 or Johanna 07897173297

### LOCAL NOTICES CONTD.

#### **Weekly Offertory Collections:**

Sunday 4th December £549.73 (GAD:£149.50)  
Second Collection: £291.82 (GAD: £49.35)  
Sunday 11th December £551.63 (GAD:£174.00)

**November Standing Orders: £1892.50**

**Crib Offering:** This year the Crib Offering is in support of the Catholic Children's Society. Every penny donated will be ring fenced and used to provide direct support to local children and families in A & B who are facing a crisis in their lives. Thank you for your generosity.

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be on the weekend of 7/8 January 2023. If you have any items for inclusion please forward to the office by 12 noon on Thursday, 5th January. Thank you.

**Poinsettia's:** Can you kindly donate a Poinsettia for our Christmas flowers? If so, please bring to either church by Friday, 23rd December. Many thanks.

**Adoration:** Adoration will take place next week in both churches on Tuesday, 20th December in Holy Redeemer and on Thursday 21st December in St Thomas's. There will then be no Adoration in either church the weeks beginning the 25th December and the 1st January. Adoration will resume in both churches the week beginning the 8th January 2023.

**Supermarket Vouchers:** We have supermarket vouchers available for families in need of assistance. The vouchers are redeemable at Asda Supermarket. Please contact the Parish Office, in the strictest confidence, for the vouchers.

### ADVICE REGARDING SACRAMENTS

To find out more about the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office on 01424 420185 or email [stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk) and if necessary arrange an appointment. You could also go to our website [www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net](http://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net).

**First Holy Communion Programme:** Registration for 2023 has now closed.

**Confirmation Programme:** Registration for 2023 has now closed.

**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment to see me. At least 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.

### DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Worth Abbey Online Retreats:** Please click below for further details on available Retreats and how to book a place. <http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>.