

## Local Notices

**June Newsletter:** Closing date for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday, 27th May for publication 30th/31st May.

**Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, in hospital or housebound, including Oliver, Pat, Kirsty, Michael & Geraldine and for those who have died recently. May they rest in peace.**

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Is prayed every morning at 9.30am in both our Churches (except Wednesdays). Why not download for free the Universalis App? All welcome.

**Forty Hours:** Our Forty Hours will commence on Tuesday 12th May with Mass of Exposition at 7.30pm and close on Thursday, 14th May at 9.45am with Benediction followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10am. Please take a moment and sign up to spend some time with our Lord during these forty hours. The sign up sheet will be available at both churches.

**Parish Afternoon Tea:** Will resume on Thursday, 21st May in Concordia Hall from 2pm until 4pm. All welcome.

**Save the Dates:**  
**Our SVP Conference** will be organising fundraising events for projects in Sudan the next event is on 3rd October. More details to follow.

**Mass for the Sick:** Saturday, 13th June at 11am at Holy Redeemer followed by lunch in the Hall. If you need a lift contact the parish office.

**Wednesday Scripture** Group will next meet on 6th May at 10.45am in the JFR - all welcome.

**The Parish Synodal Action Group** invite you to come to our next meeting on Saturday, 23rd May at 10.45-12 noon in Holy Redeemer Hall. All welcome.

**Old Girls' Association Annual Reunion:** Saturday, 19 September.

## Local Notices (Contd.)

**Hastings Foodbank:** We have an opportunity to give help to our local neighbours in need. Please bring non-perishable items of food and anything needed for daily life. Our next collection of food and toiletry items at St. Thomas' Church for Hastings Foodbank will be prior to both weekend Masses on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May 2026. Please contact Fidelis Okoliko on 07946689934 for further details.

**200 Club:** The Draw for the April 200 Club was made by Liz. The winning number was 100 and the winner was Mrs C Matthews who wins £40.00. Congratulations! For more details on how to join up please contact Brenda or pick up a form from the back of either church.

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes available at both churches.

## Sacraments

To find out more about the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office on 01424 602077 or email [stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk)

**RCIA:** Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to see me.

**First Holy Communion Programme:** 2026 Programme started registration now closed..

**Confirmation Programme:** 2026 Programme has started registration now closed.

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment. One year's notice is required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you are going into Hospital for any medical reason & 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.

## Collections

**Weekly Offertory Collections:**  
Friday 3rd April Holy Places £  
Sunday 4th April Easter Offering  
Sunday 11 April £679.31 (GAD: £155.00)  
Sunday 18 April £697.29 (GAD: £134.50) Second: £665.72  
Sunday 25 April £875.10 (GAD: £225.50) Second: £493.93  
**Standing Orders:**  
March Total: £2102.50

**CAFOD** The amount donated through our CAFOD Red Box in April was £93.00. This will support the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal, working in Lebanon with vulnerable families affected by the War. Thank you. CAFOD has renewed its urgent Appeal for Sudan, as the war there enters its fourth year and so in May we will return to supporting this Appeal with your donations in the Red Box. Please see the CAFOD link on our Parish website for details or visit [www.cafod.org](http://www.cafod.org).

## Our New Parish

The New Parish will be overseen by a Clergy Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. The team will work closely with Hub Secretaries, Hub Leadership Groups and lay representatives to support pastoral planning, governance and the shared mission of the Parish.

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**New Parish Website:**  
[www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk](http://www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk)

## Useful Contacts:

**Diocese:** [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk)  
**Parish:**  
[www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net](http://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net)  
**Catholic Church in England & Wales:** [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)  
**Vatican:** [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)



## Catholic Parish of Eastbourne & St Leonards

### Parish of the Good Shepherd

Churches of Holy Redeemer & St Thomas of Canterbury & English Martyrs

**Parish Clergy: Parish Priest:** Fr Míceál Beatty [miceal.beatty@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:miceal.beatty@abdiocese.org.uk) & **Deacon:** Ian Moon  
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### Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am in both churches (except Wednesdays) Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Mass Carmella Paolozzi RIP

#### Sunday 3 May

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Jean Luret RIP

#### Monday 4 May

St Thomas' 10am Frank Monkton RIP

#### Tuesday 5 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Mick Kelly RIP followed by Adoration & Holy Rosary

#### Wednesday 6 May NO HOLY MASS

#### Thursday 7 May

St Thomas' 10am Holy Souls followed by Adoration until 11.30am

#### Friday 8 May

Holy Redeemer 1pm Requiem Mass Margaret Annison RIP

St Mary Magdalen Church, Bexhill 7pm Confirmation Mass

#### Saturday 9 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Judy & Sean Harkins (Int)

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Mass Iwona Kowalczyk & Family RIP

#### Sunday 10 May

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am John Bailey RIP

#### Monday 11 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Anna Pinchen RIP

#### Tuesday 12 May

St Thomas' 7.30pm 40 Hours Commence with Mass of Exposition

#### Wednesday 13 May 40 Hours

#### Thursday 14 May

St Thomas' 10am Benediction followed by Holy Mass of

Thanksgiving for our 40 Hours

#### Friday 15 May

St Thomas' 10am Betty Richards RIP

#### Saturday 16 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Mick Kelly RIP

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Mass Pro Populo

#### Sunday 17 May First Holy Communion Sunday

Holy Redeemer 9am Margaret Annison RIP

St Thomas' 11am Mass

#### Monday 18 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Ronald Haywood RIP

#### Tuesday 19 May

Holy Redeemer 10am followed by Adoration & Holy Rosary

#### Wednesday 20 May NO HOLY MASS

#### Thursday 21 May

St Thomas' 12 noon Requiem Mass Philippe Albert Bedford RIP

#### Friday 22 May

St Thomas' 10am Mass

#### Saturday 23 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Margaret Annison RIP

### Pentecost

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil - Fr Niall Thornton RIP

#### Sunday 24 May

Holy Redeemer 9am Stephen Moles RIP

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

#### Monday 25 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

#### Tuesday 26 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass followed by Adoration & Holy

Rosary

#### Wednesday 27 May NO HOLY MASS

#### Thursday 28 May

St Thomas' 10am Mass followed by Adoration until 11.30am

#### Friday 29 May

St Thomas' 10am Mass

#### Saturday 30 May

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

### The Most Holy Trinity

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 31 May

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Mass

**The Sanctuary Lamps** at St Thomas' & at Holy Redeemer for

Peace in the Ukraine. Please pray for this intention.

**LATEST PARISH UPDATE:** *Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan is not a re-structuring for survival, but the lens through which we view everything, so that our parishes and communities can thrive in the new situation of the change of era. During this time when the world is becoming ever more polarised and the Gospel itself can be weaponised to support ideology, our parishes, however we configure them, have to become that place of truth and calm, able to respond to the restlessness and curiosity that we see around us. For this we need the courage to nudge us out of our comfort zones and to try something new and Spirit-led. Yet none of this is in our own strength, which is why the first pillar of the Pastoral Plan will always be prayer.' [ Canon Kieron O'Brien, Episcopal Vicar for Implementation of the Pastoral Plan ]*

## Contacts & Useful Information

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