

Local Notices

**September Newsletter:** Closing date for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday, 26th August for publication weekend of 29/30 August .

*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.*

**Adoration:** Adoration in both churches will not take place during the school summer holidays. There will be no Adoration from the week beginning 19th July until the week ending 29th August. Adoration will then resume in both churches the week beginning 30th August.

**Parish Afternoon Tea:** There will be NO Tea in August resuming on Tuesday, 15th September from 2 until 4pm.

**MISSIO Red Boxes:** Emptying of Red Mission Boxes are now due. Please leave with Sacristan at Holy Redeemer. For St Thomas leave in the sacristy or ring Marinella for collection on 01424 712335. Thank you. Theresa Eagling

**Knights of St Columba:** It is with great pleasure that we the Knights of St Columba, Hastings and Rother Council 630, inform you with gratitude, how the monies received for our chosen charities in 2026, from the money raised in donations and ticket sales at our Charity Quiz, donations from the five Churches in our immediate area, has now been sent to HUG (Bexhill), SVP (Bexhill), Food Bank (Hastings) and SVP (St Leonards on Sea). Each Charity has received £300. A great result. We would like to thank all the Parishioners at St Mary Star of the Sea, at Holy Redeemer Church and St Thomas of Canterbury, and the congregations at St Mary Magdalen and St Marthas for their great generosity and continued support.

The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Charity registered in England, number 252878

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 and Sunday 27/28 July 2026. Please contact Fidelis Okoliko on 07946689934 for further details.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage October 2026 cancellation:** Following the wonderful news that our Diocese is to be blessed with a new Bishop, Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, we have been advised that a Mass of Welcome, will clash with the trip to Walsingham. The decision has therefore been taken to cancel the Walsingham Pilgrimage for this year. Dates for 2027 will be advertised.

Sacraments

To find out more about the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office on 01424 602077 or email stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk

**RCIA:** Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment or ask me for a Registration form after Sunday Mass.

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

**First Holy Communion Programme 2027:** Sign up now open, please see me after Sunday Mass.

**Confirmation Programme 2027:** Sign up now open, please see me after Sunday Mass.

**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:**  
Sunday 5 July £773.80 (GAD £126.50)  
Sunday 12 July £655.23 (GADE£160.00)  
Sunday 19 July £893.90(GADE£190.00)  
Sunday 25 July £770.10(GADE£202.00)

**Standing Orders:**  
June Total: £1965.50

**CAFOD:** Many thanks to all who donated for the Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal which amounted to £410.65. In addition, £165.61 has so far been donated via the CAFOD Red Box at St. Thomas' in support of the Sudan Crisis Appeal. Donations in the Red Box will continue to support this Appeal. Thank you also to those who signed the CAFOD Petition relating to the Global Debt Crisis. These have now been forwarded to CAFOD but the Petition can still be signed online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

Our Journey to becoming a New Parish

Ultimately the new Parish will be overseen by a Priests Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. They will work closely with a Leadership Team of clergy and lay reps, and with Hub Pastoral Teams of clergy and lay representatives from across our churches, in the development of our Pastoral Plan and our shared mission. The West Hub covers Eastbourne, Polegate, Hampden Park, Hailsham, and the East Hub covers St Leonards, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

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Useful Contacts:

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



**Deanery of Eastbourne & St Leonards - Parish of the Good Shepherd**  
Churches of Holy Redeemer & St Thomas of Canterbury & English Martyrs  
**Parish Clergy:** **Parish Priest:** Fr Mícéál Beatty [miceal.beatty@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:miceal.beatty@abdiocese.org.uk) & **Deacon:** Ian Moon  
**Parish Secretary:** Liz Fitch **Parish Office:** 31c Magdalen Road, St Leonards-on-Sea TN37 6ET open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am–12pm **Telephone:** 01424 602077 **Email:** [stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk)  
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**Working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan**  
*Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. Isaiah 43,5*

Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am in both churches (except Wednesdays)

**The Sanctuary Lamps** at St Thomas’ & at Holy Redeemer for Peace in the Ukraine. Please pray for this intention.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas’ 4pm Vigil Pro Populo

Sunday 2 August

Holy Redeemer 9am Mass

St Thomas’ 11am Ronald Haywood RIP

St Thomas’ 4pm Holy Hour

Monday 3 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Mary Oliver RIP

Tuesday 4 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Clare Simon RIP

Wednesday 5 August NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 6 August

St Thomas’ 10am Canon Alan McClean RIP

Friday 7 August

St Thomas’ 10am Canon Peter Turbitt RIP

Saturday 8 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Ann Widdecombe RIP

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas’ 4pm Vigil Fr Jon Bielzowski RIP

Sunday 9 August

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas’ 11am Simeon Ameh RIP

Monday 10 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Jackie Moran RIP

Tuesday 11 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Poor Clare Community (Int)

Wednesday 12 August NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 13 August

St Thomas’ 10am K O’Ferrall & Family (F)

Friday 14 August

Holy Redeemer 11am Funeral Mass Patricia McDonnell RIP

Saturday 15 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Rev J Wilson, Relatives & Friends (F)

The Assumption of the BVM, Co Patron of the Diocese

St Thomas’ 4pm Vigil - Private Intention

Sunday 16 August

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas’ 11am Janet, Patrick & Timothy Coates RIP

Monday 17 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Patricia McDonnell RIP

Tuesday 18 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Jean Haywood RIP

Wednesday 19 August NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 20 August

St Thomas’ 10am Mass

Saturday 22 August

Holy Redeemer 10am A M M Molloy (F)

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas’ 4pm Vigil Liz O’Rourke RIP

Sunday 23 August

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas’ 11am Fidelis & Barbara Okoliko Anniversary (Int)

Monday 24 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Francis Moens (F)

Tuesday 25 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

Wednesday 26 August NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 27 August

St Thomas’ 10am Mass

Friday 28 August

St Thomas’ 10am Mass

Saturday 29 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Antonio Reader RIP

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas’ 4pm Vigil - Pro Populo

Sunday 30 August

Holy Redeemer 9am Mass

St Thomas’ 11am Augustine Thuong & Anna Xiem RIP

**Mass Intentions**  
**Would you like to have a Mass offered for your intention or a deceased member of your family? Envelopes are available at both churches. Please complete ensuring that you add your name and contact phone number and then give the envelope to the Sacristan or the Parish Office. Two months notice is recommended.**

**The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, 18th August reopening Tuesday, 25th August.**

**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)  
**SVP Local Conference President** Patricia Holmes [Petepatholmes@gmail.com](mailto:Petepatholmes@gmail.com)  
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**Schools** St Mary Star of the Sea – 01424 427801  
St Richard’s Catholic College – 01424 731070  
**Religious Communities** Poor Clare Community – 01424 751214  
Canonesses of St Augustine – 01424 434532