

Local Notices

October Newsletter: Closing date for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday, 30th September for publication weekend of 3/4 October.

Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, in hospital or housebound and for those who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

Parish Afternoon Tea: There will be Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 15th September from 2pm until 4pm in Concordia Hall. All Welcome.

Adoration: Adoration resumed in St Thomas's a few weeks ago, weekly on a Thursday 10 30 to 11 30am. It resumes in Holy Redeemer on September 1st, weekly on a Tuesday 10 30 to 11 30am. Many thanks to those parishioners who are able to come to Adoration, a wonderful time to be with the Lord.

Our Parish Synod Group warmly invite you to an introductory course on synodality which recently ran in Westminster Diocese. Pope Leo is encouraging the development of synodality in the global Church. The course consists of five one and a half hour sessions. For further info contact churchgroup33@aol.com

Parish Synod Group invites you to join them for a cuppa, prayer and discussion at the next meeting on Sat 26th Sept, 10.45-12 in Holy Redeemer Church Hall. All welcome.

Grandparents Group: Starting again on Wednesday 16th September following 10am mass at St Mary Star of the Sea. Please join us for coffee/tea and a catch up. Joanne, David and Ellen.

Wednesday Scripture Group: 2nd September, we will reflect on the Readings for the following Sunday. 10.45 am in the John Fisher Room. All welcome.

Season of Creation: Runs between 1st September and 4th October and the theme this year is "Living Water". Prayers and Reflections, including Pope Leo's message, can be found via laudatosimovement.org

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200 Club: The Draw for the July 200 Club was made by Mary Robson. The winning number was 70 and the winner was Jim Condon who wins £40.00. The winner for August was Mary Perry with number 15 drawn by Sarah Feist. Congratulations! For more details on how to join up please contact Brenda or pick up a form from the back of either church.

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 5th and Sunday 6th September 2026. Please contact Fidelis Okoliko on 07946689934 for further details.

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. Closing date 18th September.

Confirmation Programme 2027: Sign up now open, please see me after Sunday Mass. Closing date 25 September.

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:
Sunday2August£823.73 (GADE209.05)
Sunday9 August£797.19 (GADE218.50)
Sunday16 August £1085.45(GADE190)
Sunday 23 August £680.72 (GADE157)

July Standing Order Total:
£1737.50

CAFOD: Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 2nd October 2026. Donations placed in the Red Collection Box at St. Thomas' continue to be in support of the Sudan Crisis Appeal.

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 you add contact phone number and then give the envelope to a Sacristan or the Parish Office. Two months notice is recommended.

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:

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Parish Clergy: **Parish Priest:** Fr Míceál Beatty miceal.beatty@abdiocese.org.uk & **Deacon:** Ian Moon
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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.

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

Monday 31 August

Holy Redeemer 10am Terry O'Rourke RIP

Tuesday 1 September

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass - Adoration & Rosary until 11.30am

Wednesday 2 September NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 3 September Feast, St Gregory the Great

St Thomas' 10am Mass - Adoration until 11.30am

Friday 4 September

St Thomas' 10am Dorothy Bradshaw (F)

Saturday 5 September

Holy Redeemer 10am Fr Michael McGlade RIP

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Pro Populo

Sunday 6 September

Holy Redeemer 9am John Leitch RIP

St Thomas' 11am John Bailey RIP

St Thomas' 4pm Holy Hour

Monday 7 September

Holy Redeemer 10am Pat McConnell RIP

Tuesday 8 September Feast. The Nativity of BVM

Holy Redeemer 10am Canon Segesser-Adoration & Rosary 11.30am

Wednesday 9 September NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 10 September

St Thomas' 10am Susan Ezobi RIP Adoration until 11.30am

Friday 11 September

St Thomas' 10am Ronald & Jean Haywood RIP

Saturday 12 September

Holy Redeemer 10am Aleyamma John RIP

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil - Rose & Tom Harrington RIP

Sunday 13 September

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Fr Desmond Baker RIP

Monday 14 September Feast, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

Tuesday 15 September Memorial, Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass - Adoration & Rosary until 11.30am

Wednesday 16 September NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 17 September

St Thomas' 10am Mass - Adoration until 11.30am

Saturday 18 September

Holy Redeemer 10am Fr John Carter RIP

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Julia Luret RIP

Sunday 20 September

Holy Redeemer 9am Maureen Robinson RIP

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

Monday 21 September Feast, St Matthew

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

Tuesday 22 September

Holy Redeemer 10am A M M Molloy (F) Adoration & Rosary until 11.30am

Wednesday 23 September NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 24 September Feast, Our Lady of Walsingham

St Thomas' 10am Francis Moens (F) Adoration until 11.30am

Friday 25 September

St Thomas' 10am Ann & Charles Wright RIP

Saturday 26 September

Holy Redeemer 11am Di & Mike Richardson
Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil - Charlie Dowling RIP

Sunday 27 September

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Private Intention

Monday 28 September Feast, St Matthew

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

Tuesday 29 September Feast Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Holy Redeemer 10am A M M Molloy (F) Adoration & Rosary until 11.30am

Wednesday 30 September NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 1 October Memorial, St Therese of Lisieux

St Thomas' 10am Mass Adoration until 11.30am

Friday 2 October Memorial, The Holy Guardian Angels

St Thomas' 10am Mass

Saturday 3 October

Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil - Rose & Tom Harrington RIP

Sunday 4 October

Holy Redeemer 9am Mass

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

Contacts & Useful Information

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