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Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am
both churches (except Wednesdays) Tuesdays & Thursday
Holy Rosary & Adoration until 11.30am

Solemnity – All Saints

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Pro Populo
Sunday 1 November
Holy Redeemer 9am Fr Desmond Baker RIP
St Thomas' 11am Fr Michael McGlade RIP
St Thomas' 4pm Holy Hour
Monday 2 November All Souls
Holy Redeemer 10am Simeon Ameh RIP
Tuesday 3 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Judy Harkins (Int) - Rosary & Adoration
Wednesday 4 November NO HOLY MASS
Thursday 5 November
St Thomas' 10am Private Intention - Rosary & Adoration
Friday 6 November
St Thomas' 10am Canon David Mahy RIP
Saturday 7 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Clara Reader (Int)

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil – Pro Populo
Sunday 8 November
Holy Redeemer 9am DF&R of Sue and Pat Lee
St Thomas' 11am Piotr Dobrzynski RIP
Monday 9 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Annette O'Connell RIP
Tuesday 10 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Connal Timoney RIP - Rosary & Adoration
Wednesday 11 November NO HOLY MASS
Thursday 12 November
St Thomas' 10am Mary Patricia Taylor (F) - Rosary & Adoration
Friday 13 November
St Thomas' 10am Giovanni Aielo RIP
Saturday 14 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil - Pro Populo
Sunday 15 November
Holy Redeemer 9am Sylvia O'Rourke RIP
St Thomas' 11am Bozena Dobrzynska RIP
Monday 16 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Mass
Tuesday 17 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Mass - Adoration & Rosary
Wednesday 18 November NO HOLY MASS
Thursday 19 November
St Thomas' 10am Florence Eden (F) - Rosary & Adoration
Friday 20 November
St Thomas' 10am Mass
Saturday 21 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

4pm Vigil - Pro Populo
Sunday 22 November
Holy Redeemer 9am A M M Molloy (F)
St Thomas' 11am Thanh Duc Vu RIP
Monday 23 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Mass
Tuesday 24 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Francis Moens (F) - Adoration & Rosary
Wednesday 25 November NO HOLY MASS
Thursday 26 November
St Thomas' 10am Matthew Brady & Family (F) – Adoration & Rosary
Friday 27 November
St Thomas' 10am Mass
Saturday 28 November
Holy Redeemer 10am Mass

The Season of Advent
First Sunday of Advent

4pm Vigil - Mass
Sunday 29 November
Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo
St Thomas' 11am Mass

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

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 www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net

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Local Notices

December Newsletter: Closing date for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday, 25th November for publication weekend of 28/29 November. This will include all notices for Christmas and up to weekend of 9/10 January 2027.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 19th and Friday, 20th November.

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.

Wednesday Scripture Group: Meets on 4th November at 10.45 am in the John Fisher Room, when we will reflect on the Readings for the following Sunday/ All welcome.

Blessing of Graves (Remembrance Gardens): Sunday, 8th November following both 9am and 11am Masses and at 3pm at Hastings Cemetery.

Parish Afternoon Tea: There will be Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 17th November from 2pm until 4pm in Concordia Hall. All Welcome.

Newman Association - Magnifica Humanitas : On Thursday, 19th November there will be a Zoom talk on Pope Leo's encyclical by Fr Andrew Pinsent. Fr Andrew brings together the worlds of cutting edge science and deep Christian theology. Email bjechlin@btinternet.com for zoom link to watch at home. Or go to OLR Church Hall, Eastbourne BN21 4EU to watch on the large screen at 7pm.

Lighthouse: Saturday 28th November at St Martha's Church in Bexhill. 11:30am – 5:00pm. Lighthouse is organised by the the Catholic Charismatic body of our Diocese . It is a day of renewal, where we gather as a family of faith for a day. All welcome.

Faith in the Family: On 29th November, we will be celebrating the First Sunday of Advent. In preparation for this important season, we are putting together **FAMILY ADVENT PACKS** which will include all the resources to make a family Advent Wreath (apart from the greenery, which the family can gather together.) There will also be other resources to help celebrate Advent as a family. This pack will cost £5. It can be ordered through St Mary Star of the Sea School, or order forms will be available at the end of all masses on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November. More details are on the posters in both churches and in school.

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 7th and Sunday 8th November 2026. Please contact Fidelis on 07946689934 for further details.

News from the Hastings Council 630 of The Knights of St. Columba:

- Mass intention for the Deceased Brothers of Council 630 has been booked for **11.30am Mass on Sunday, 8th November at St. Mary Star of the Sea**.
- Supporting **Red Wednesday on 18th November** to publicise and pray for the millions of Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- Meeting on **Thursday, 19th November at 7pm** in the John Fisher Room at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards TN37 6ET. All interested Catholic men are welcome to attend. Further details from Flavio (07854932595)

Province 34 (Arundel & Brighton) of The Knights of St. Columba Mass intention for the Deceased Brothers of the Province will take place on **Sunday, 15th November at 11.00am Mass** at Arundel Cathedral.

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 for 2027 is now closed.

Confirmation Programme 2027:
Sign up for 2027 is 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:
Sunday 4 October £795.02 (GAD £213.70)
Sunday 11 October £746.31 (GAD £174.50)
Second Collection: £294.58
Sunday 18 October £803.23 (GAD: £321.50)
Second Collection: £386.21
Sunday 25 October £720.49 (GAD: £184.50)

September Standing Order Total:
£2090.57

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal: A total of £1,484.44 was donated in the Collection. Thank you so much for your generous response and to those who donated online. Thank you also to all who gift aided their donation, this represents £830.00 of the above total, and will enable CAFOD to reclaim back. from HMRC, the sum of £207.50.

200 Club: The Draw for the October 200 Club was made by Marinela. The winning number was 66 and the winner was Christine Knag 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.

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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www.cbcew.org.uk
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