

Local Notices

November Newsletter: Closing date for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday, 28th October for publication weekend of 31 October/1st 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.

The office will be closed on Thursday, 8th & Friday, 9th October reopening as usual on Tuesday, 13th.

Wednesday Scripture Group: Meets on October 7th, 10.45am, in the John Fisher Room to reflect on the following Sunday's Readings. All welcome.

Parish Afternoon Tea: There will be Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 20th October from 2pm until 4pm in Concordia Hall. All Welcome.

Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen – Saturday 24 October at Worth Abbey: Following his Ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome followed by a reception, at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October at 11.30am. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks. Free coach travel is being arranged as parking is restricted at the Abbey - please enquire at your local parish office to book your place.

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

Adoremus Saturday, 10th October: Join Catholics across England and Wales for Adoremus 2026 in London, celebrating our devotion to the Eucharist. The day includes Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction. You can join the celebrations remotely via live stream. <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/> <https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/>

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

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200 Club: The Draw for the September 200 Club was made by Sandie. The winning number was 49 and the winner was Barrie Wright 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.

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 3rd and Sunday 4th October 2026. Please contact Fidelis Okoliko on 07946689934 for further details.

MISSIO: Thank you for your continual support and contributions to the MISSIO. The total collected was £1396. God bless. Theresa

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 6 September£704.11 (GAD£135.00)

Sunday 13 September £805.60 (GAD£188.50)

SVP: £400.00

Sunday 20 September £789.38 (GAD:£168.50)

Home Mission Sunday: £333.12

Sunday 27 September £874.65 (GAD:£222.50)

August Standing Order Total: £ 1375.50

CAFOD: If you can, please support our Harvest Fast Day collection this weekend, thereby supporting our neighbours in the developing world to build a better, more sustainable, future. Donations in the Red Box at St. Thomas' continue to support the Sudan Crisis Appeal. In September, total donated was £141.50. Many thanks!

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.

East Hub Secretary: Elizabeth Fitch stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk 01424 602077

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Useful Contacts:

Diocese: www.abdiocese.org.uk

Parish: www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net

Catholic Church in England &Wales: www.cbcew.org.uk

Vatican: 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 Míceál Beatty 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

Safeguarding Representative: Sofia Svihurova **Email:** sg1.stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk

Working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Rose & Tom Harrington RIP

Sunday 4th October

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Fr Thomas Hulhoven&Anthony Canning SCARIP

St Thomas' 4pm Holy Hour

Monday 5 October NO HOLY MASS

Tuesday 6 October NO HOLY MASS

Wednesday 7 October NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 8October NO HOLY MASS

Friday 9 October NO HOLY MASS

Saturday 10 October NO 10AM HOLY MASS

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil Fr Joe Kendall RIP

Sunday 11 October Second Collection Prisoners' Sunday

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Cecilia Adjietu Okoliko RIP

Monday 12 October NO HOLY MASS

Tuesday 13 October NO HOLY MASS

Wednesday 14 October NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 15 October NO HOLY MASS

Friday 16 October

St Thomas' 10am Margaret Stevens (F)

Saturday 17 October Memorial, St Ignatius

Holy Redeemer 10am Monica Wheeler RIP

Twenty Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil - DFR of Joyce & Lightfoot Families RIP

Sunday 18 October World Mission Sunday

Holy Redeemer 9am Stephen Moles RIP

St Thomas' 11am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 4pm Rosary & Benediction

Monday 19 October NO HOLY MASS

Ordination of Bishop Elect Stephen Wang at Arundel

Tuesday 20 October

Holy Redeemer 10am Barbara High RIP - Adoration & Rosary until 11.30am

Wednesday 21 October NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 22 October

St Thomas' 10am Jack Tozzi-Booth RIP

Friday 23 October

St Thomas' 10am Lidia Fusco (Int)

Saturday 24 October

Holy Redeemer 10am Francis Moens (F)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas' 4pm Vigil DFR of Joyce & Lightfoot Families RIP

Sunday 25 October

Holy Redeemer 9am Pro Populo

St Thomas' 11am Parish Volunteers (Int)

St Thomas' 4pm Rosary & Benediction

Monday 26 October

Holy Redeemer 10am Di & Mike Richardson (Int)

Tuesday 27 October

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

Wednesday 28 October NO HOLY MASS

Thursday 29 October

St Thomas' 10am Florence Eden (F)

Friday 30 October

St Thomas' 10am Mass

Saturday 31 October

Holy Redeemer 10am Alan Turner RIP

Solemnity - All Saints

4pm Vigil - Pro Populo

Sunday 1 November

Holy Redeemer Fr Desmond Baker RIP

St Thomas' 11am Fr Michael McGlade RIP

St Thomas' 4pm Holy Hour

The Sanctuary Lamps at St Thomas' for C R Mundy & family & at Holy Redeemer for Peace in the Ukraine.

Please pray for these intentions.

Latest News: Please pick up a copy of the Deanery Magazine, Issue 3, Autumn Edition for all the news across our Deanery. Copies available in both churches and online.

Bishop Elect Stephen Wang:

Please remember in your prayers Bishop Elect Stephen who will be ordained at Arundel Cathedral on Monday 19th October. To follow on the livestream go to www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream

Also if you wish to attend Bishop Stephen's Mass of Welcome on 24 October at 11.30am at Worth Abbey contact the Parish office.

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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Schools

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