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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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# THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As I am writing this Christmas message to you I am conscious of the importance of Christmas as a time of celebration and that the Father sent his only begotten Son into the world to invite us all to share life with him for ever. Let us show our appreciation for such a gift by giving more time to each other, our families, our friends and our neighbours. Please also especially remember in prayer and deed those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas both here and in the rest of the world as the invitation is for us all.

May I wish to all a very peaceful and fruitful Christmas and a joyful New Year.

### HOLY REDEEMER

**Carols Service with Readings and a Nativity Play this Sunday 20th at 3 pm.** There will be a collection for St Michael's Hospice. Following the service there will be Mince Pies and Tea and Coffee in the Hall. The Youth Group will be holding a Raffle as they are starting to fundraise for **World Youth Day 2011** in Madrid and they would welcome your support. We look forward to you all.

**CAFOD/SVP Christmas Card Board has raised £84 so far** plus two donations already given to the SVP of £49 to help feed babies. There is still time to put your cards on the Board and help people in the developing world to *Simply Live*. Remember to put your donation in the PINK PIG. Thanks.

**The Poor Clares'** invite parishioners to join them at the Convent at 22 Upper Church Road, Hollington for:

- **Morning and Evening Prayer** on Christmas Eve at 8am and 4.30pm and on Christmas Day at 8am and 5.30pm
- **New Year's Eve** at 10.15pm for Readings followed by Exposition until Midnight.
- **Saturday 9 January** 7—9 pm for Wine and Nibbles finishing with Compline. All welcome to drop in.

**Collections:** 12/13 December £487.71 (GAD £248.50)  
Christmas Flowers £138.61 (GAD £86)

#### Dates for your Diary

New Year's Day Mass at 12 noon followed by shared lunch  
9 January Wine & Nibbles at the Poor Clares 7-9 pm

### ST. THOMAS'

**Solemnity of St. Thomas Becket**, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, is celebrated on Tuesday 29th December with a Mass at 10 am in St. Thomas'.

**200 Club:** December winner is M Carroll. Subscriptions for 2010 are due in January £25 for the year. Members will receive a reminder letter but prompt payment is appreciated. New members welcome. The draw is held monthly and the prize is £100. Your money will help complete the payment for the shrine in the garden. Tel: Carol Compagnone for more details: 810420

**Collections:** 13 December £284.63 (GAD £823.27)  
Christmas Flowers £109.71 (GAD £1 )

**CAFOD at St Thomas'** during w/e 13th December, 7 envelopes contained the sum of £42.76 towards the purchase of a Greenhouse (£225) from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue. Should you pay Income Tax, please complete the Gift Aid Form on CAFOD envelope (in Porch) and thereby increase your donation by 28% - at no extra cost to you. Thank you.

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New Year's Day Mass at 12 noon at Holy Redeemer followed by shared lunch  
23 Jan Prayer & Planning for 11am & 6pm Masses (please see notice on Liturgy board in the porch).

## JOINT PARISH NOTICES

**New Year's Day** There will be only one Mass on New Year's Day at 12 noon at the Holy Redeemer and we look forward to seeing parishioners from both parishes. After Mass there will be a shared lunch in the Hall.

**The Parish Office** will be closed from 21st December and will re-open on Tuesday 5th January. There will be no newsletter the week of the 27 December, so please keep your copy for the Mass times.

**Please note** that there will be no Afternoons of Prayer at the Poor Clares in January

**A week in Madrid?** 4 days in a local community with Hundreds of young people gathering in fun, faith and friendship. **World Youth Day 2011** in Madrid offers all of this and more. The Diocese is planning a huge trip and we'd love to register your interest - no obligation! To find out more, contact Lucy Jardine, Youth Administrator at the Christian Education Centre 01293 651162 or [lucy.jardine@dabnet.org](mailto:lucy.jardine@dabnet.org) or visit <http://www.yaab.co.uk/world-youth-day>

## GENERAL NOTICES



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