



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Cycle C) 13 DECEMBER 2009

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our sins, and open our hearts to the joy of God's forgiveness.

Readings: *Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7;*
Luke 3: 10-18

REFLECTION FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Brothers and sisters, we gather together to welcome Christ among us in word and sacrament. Let us acknowledge that we are sinners and open our hearts to his love and his peace.

Readings: *Micah 5: 1-4; Hebrews 10: 5-10;*
Luke 1: 39-44

THE CELEBRATING CHURCH LITURGY FOR 12 - 20 DECEMBER

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Our Website: www.rcchurchesinstleonardsonsea.org.uk

St Thomas': The Presbytery 31c Magdalen Road St Leonards on Sea, TN37 6ET 01424 420815 email: fitch@stthomastn37.co.uk

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SVP Help-line: 07800 559189

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THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

I may love by halves, I may obey by halves; I cannot believe by halves:

Either I have faith, or I have not.

John Henry Cardinal Newman

HOLY REDEEMER

Carols Service with Readings and a Nativity Play on next Sunday 20th December at 3 pm. There will be Mince Pies and Tea and Coffee in the Hall afterwards. We look forward to seeing parishioners from both our parishes.

The Choir Practice for the Carol Service is on this Thursday 17th at 7 pm in the church.

CAFOD/SVP Christmas Card Board has so far raised £30 plus two donations given to the SVP of £49 to help feed babies. So please bring a card to put on the Board and put your donation in the Pink Pig and help us to buy chickens, piglets and a bicycle for CAFOD and feed babies in the Sudan for the SVP.

Sign-up Lists in Sacristy for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers for the Christmas Masses.

Car Parking Would all the parishioners who park in Upper Church Road please make sure that they do not block anyone's driveway. **Also would the person who actually parked in someone's driveway please not do so again.**

On New Year's Day There will be Mass at 12 noon at the Holy Redeemer for both our parishes and this will be followed by a shared lunch in the Hall.

Sunday Morning Refreshments Do come down and join parishioners in the Hall after Mass and enjoy coffee or a wide range of refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.

Collections: 5/6 December £488.50 (GAD £292.40)
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

Dates for your Diary

1 Jan Mass at 12 noon followed by shared lunch in the Hall

ST. THOMAS'

Advent Giving Tree don't forget to bring your gift next Sunday the 20th. These will be taken to 'Surviving Christmas' on Monday the 21st.

'Neighbours at Concordia' Christmas Lunch - Sunday 20th December, donations of mince pies etc. very welcome - offers to Linda (431087).

200 Club: November winner G. Perry. 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

Parish Music Group will meet on Tuesday (15th) at 6.30 pm at 21 Collinswood Drive.

Collections: 6 December £300.19 (GAD £ 80.90)

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CAFOD at St Thomas' during w/e 6th December, 5 envelopes (1 x GAD = £5.00) contained the sum of £38.20 towards the purchase of a Greenhouse from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue. Thank you.

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1 Jan Mass at Holy Redeemer at 12 noon an shared lunch in the Hall
23 Jan Prayer & Planning for 11am & 6pm Masses (please see notice on Liturgy board in the porch).

JOINT PARISH NOTICES

Carol Services

- ◆ **Christmas Praise** Thursday 17th at 7.30pm at St Leonards Baptist Church, Chapel Park Road. Collection for local charities.
- ◆ **The Big Christmas Sing** Saturday 19th from 12 noon to 2 pm at Hollington Methodist Church. Soup & Roll £1. Donations for Christian Aid.
- ◆ **Carols for All** at St. Mary in the Castle, Saturday 19th at 4.30pm. Tickets £8, children £1 from Hastings Information Centre or tel: 431442 or 440044.
- ◆ **The Messiah** at the Bruderhof Community, Robertsbridge on Saturday 19th at 6.30 pm. All welcome
- ◆ **Holy Redeemer Carol Service with Nativity Play** Sunday 20th at 3pm see above.

Thanks from the Knights of St Columba to all those who supported the Christmas Quiz last Saturday, we raised £400 for Surviving Christmas.

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 or visit <http://www.yaab.co.uk/world-youth-day>

GENERAL NOTICES

Vocations to the Priesthood See notice board for further details or contact Fr. Paul Turner, Vocations Director on 01293 603773 or email vocations at dabnet.org

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