



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Cycle C) 6 DECEMBER 2009

REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today, we meet John the Baptist as he responds to the promptings of God's word and begins his work of preparing the way for the Lord.

*Readings: Baruch 5: 1-9; Philippians 1:3-6,8-11;
Luke 3: 1-6*

REFLECTION FOR 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*

THE CELEBRATING CHURCH LITURGY FOR 5 - 13 DECEMBER

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	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
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THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - THIS FRIDAY AT 7.30 PM AT ST THOMAS'

As we are celebrating the Year for Priests I am pleased that some of the priests of our Deanery will be able to exercise their ministry in the wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation at this service. There are many people in the world who do not have the opportunity for regular reconciliation so do I encourage you to come along and take advantage of the priests' presence on Friday. A great way to put Christ into Christmas is to be reconciled with him. *Fr. Ian*

HOLY REDEEMER

Thank you to all those who contributed, supported and took part in this year's **Christmas Fayre**. It was a great day with a lovely community atmosphere. We raised £2,100 so many thanks to everyone!

The SVP would like to thank parishioners for the very generous retiring collection last weekend for our Christmas Appeal and also for those who donated groceries.

CAFOD/SVP Christmas Card Board is now up so please put your cards on the Board and help us to buy chickens, piglets and a bicycle for CAFOD and feed babies in the Sudan for the SVP. For more details see Posters on the Notice Boards and leaflets.

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.

Exposition and Holy Hour will follow Mass on next Saturday 12th Dec to bless the Lord and to honour His Mother for the Feasts of her Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Gaudelupe. Refreshments afterwards, all welcome

Carols Service with Readings and a Nativity Play on Sunday 20th December at 3 pm followed by Mince Pies and Tea and Coffee in the Hall. We look forward to seeing you all.

Collections: 28/29 November £460.53 (GAD £252.50)
SVP Christmas Appeal £223.45
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

Dates for your Diary

20 December Carols, Readings & Nativity Play at 3 pm in the church

ST. THOMAS'

Advent Giving Tree and Christmas Card Board don't forget: (a) to take a label from the tree and return the gift (unwrapped) on Sunday 20th December; (b) think about sending Christmas Greetings to a Prisoner of Conscience and (c) send your Christmas Greetings to fellow Parishioners via our Board. Full details of all of these were in the Social Action Newsletter last week.

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

We need some more people to help clean the church on Thursday mornings; if you can help please speak to Trisha, the Sacristan, or ring Liz in the parish office on 420815.

Mass Intentions If you would like to have a Mass said there are envelopes at the back of the church; please complete the details and leave the envelope in the Sacristy for Liz in the office.

Collections: 29 November £322.04 (GAD £91.50)
SVP Christmas Appeal £155.31
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

CAFOD at St Thomas' 4 envelopes contained £25.36 during w/e 29th November towards the purchase of a 'Greenhouse' from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue. Thank you.

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JOINT PARISH NOTICES

This Sunday at 4 pm in St. Thomas' - our Candlelit Advent Service of Taize Music and Prayer. Anyone who would like to help lead the music is very welcome to come to the practice beforehand at 3 pm.

St Mary Star of the Sea School Christmas Concert at 9.45am on this Tuesday 8th at St. Thomas'. Please come along and support the children.

St Richard's warmly invites you to an afternoon of **Christmas Carols** followed by tea and mince pies on Tuesday 8th in the school hall from 2pm—4pm. There is no charge, but please ring the school office 01424 731070 so we can ascertain numbers.

Other Carol Services

- ◆ **Annual Carol Service** Saturday 12 December at 5 pm at St Clements Church, Hastings Old Town. Collection for the Seaview Project
- ◆ **Christmas Praise** Thursday 17 December at 7.30pm at St Leonards Baptist Church, Chapel Park Road. Collection for local charities.
- ◆ **The Big Christmas Sing** Saturday 19 December 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 December at 4.30pm. Tickets £8, children £1 from Hastings Information Centre or tel: 431442 or 440044.

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

Hospital Chaplain, Conquest Hospital: To contact Sister Philomena please phone : 01424 757088 (direct line during office hours) or after hours 01424 755255 and ask for her to be paged.



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