



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Cycle C) 14 FEBRUARY 2010

REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Our theme in the readings today is that those who trust in the Lord are happy. That happiness will reach its climax at our resurrection from the dead. The message about this is wonderful good news. Today we celebrate that news.

*Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 12,16-20;
Luke 6: 17,20-26*

REFLECTION FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent at first, may not fill us with joy. It reminds us of our sinfulness. But it can too remind us of our baptism, the beginning of God's life in us. So Lent can be a time of grace, when we discover anew God's steadfast love and mercy for us.

*Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10; Romans 10: 8-13;
Luke 4: 1-13*

THE CELEBRATING CHURCH LITURGY FOR 13 - 21 FEBRUARY

Saturday 13 February

St Thomas'	10 am	Raymond Santucci RIP
Holy Redeemer	6.30 pm	People of the Parish

Sunday 14 February

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Holy Redeemer	9 am	Barry Price RIP
St Thomas'	11 am	Godfrey Mwande Mele
St Thomas'	1pm & 2.30pm	Baptisms
St Thomas'	3 pm	Keralan Community Mass
St Thomas	6 pm	People of the Parish

Retiring Collection: Cabrini Children's Society (use their GAD envelopes)

Monday 15 February

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Tuesday 16 February

Holy Redeemer	9.30 am	Dave Annison RIP
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Wednesday 17 Feb

Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Holy Redeemer	9.30 am	People of the Parish
St Thomas'	7.30 pm	People of the Parish and RCIA going forth to the Cathedral

Thursday 18 February

St Thomas'	10 am	Elise Reed RIP
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Friday 19 February

Holy Redeemer	9.30 am	Rosemary Morelli RIP
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Saturday 20 February

St Thomas'	10 am	Claudio Fugaccia RIP
Holy Redeemer	6.30 pm	People of the Parish

Sunday 21 February

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Redeemer	9 am	Doris Patching RIP
St Thomas'	11 am	Janie and Pauline Leggott RIP
St Thomas	6 pm	People of the Parish

*Retiring Collections: HR: Parish Social Action Support for needy Catholic Organisations (GAD)
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Reconciliation on Saturday:

St. Thomas':	After the 10 am Mass
Holy Redeemer:	5.30 pm – 6.15 pm or by Appointment

THE LIVING CHURCH THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick, in hospital or are housebound and those who have died recently.

Sunday Confirmation Session in the JFR after the 6 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Monday

Tuesday Holy Redeemer SVP at 6.15pm at No 31

Wednesday RCIA "Going forth to the Cathedral" at 7.30pm Mass

Thursday St Thomas' SVP meet at 7.30pm in JFR

Friday Friday Club @ Concordia Hall "Keep Fit" 10-12; St Thomas' Music Group 7.30pm in church

Saturday St Thomas' Reflection on Sunday Readings at 10.30am. Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral at 5pm

Parish Office Hours:
Monday closed
Tues-Friday: 9 - 1 pm

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Byrnes Tel: 01424 420815 email: ian.byrnes@dabnet.org

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Franciscan Community: 01424 751214

SVP Help-line: 07800 559189

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THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

There is but one road which reaches God and that is prayer;
if anyone shows you another, you are being deceived *St Teresa of Avila*

HOLY REDEEMER

Table and Cake Sale next Sunday 21st February at Morning Coffee in the Hall after Mass to raise money for bulbs and summer plants for the church grounds. Please come along and support this us.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** on Tuesdays during Lent after the 9.30am Mass.

The Spiritual Library at the Convent of Poor Clares is open for any parishioner who would like something spiritual to deepen their life with God. There are books on Scripture, spiritual classics and books by modern writers, biographies, both religious and secular and books that build up faith. Why not come over any Sunday after Mass, or during weekday mornings (except Monday) if you are passing. All will be most welcome.

Found If you have lost a signet ring and small key please speak to the Sacristan.

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: 6/7 February	£516.67 (GAD £264)
Parish Social Action, Local Homeless	£141.64 (GAD £56)
Donation Stained Glass Window	£10
Standing Orders for January	£546

Haiti Disaster Appeal Total collected £2252.92 including GAD from Parish £254.20) and CAFOD (£112.95)

These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

Dates for your Diary

26 Feb Prize Bingo
27 Feb Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist Day - Concordia Hall
5 March Women's World Day of Prayer

ST. THOMAS'

Please pray for Oliwia Kolumbajew, Willow-Rose and Kiera-Marie Pilkington and Talia Wahnnon who will be baptised today. Remember also the RCIA candidates Bama Vimalaraj, Steve Sloan, Sheila Burr and Carolyn Jones who are going to Arundel Cathedral next Saturday for the Rite of Election.

Accounts Administrator Due to unforeseen circumstances St Thomas' urgently requires someone to administer the parish accounts. The job basically involves recording receipts into the parish bank accounts and paying bills on behalf of the parish. The work will require someone who is familiar with computers and has a basic knowledge of recording accounts. Training on the computer accounting system in use will be provided. The commitment in terms of time is about 5-6 hours per week, but the hours of attendance are flexible and can be agreed to suit the needs of the individual. If you feel you can help in any way with this important work for the parish please contact Fr Ian or Liz in the parish office on 420815 to discuss the work further.

Spring Cleaning Day for the church on Saturday 27th March at 10.30am. Please bring your own lunch and make a note of this date in your diary. All welcome.

Collections: 7 February	£317.45 (GAD £64.60)
Emmaus	£239.19
Standing Orders for January	£664

These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

CAFOD at St Thomas' 3 envelopes contained the sum of £17.00 towards the purchase of an item, 'Training a Health Worker'; from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

27 Feb Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist Day - Concordia Hall
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27 March Spring Cleaning Day in the church 10.30 am onwards

JOINT PARISH NOTICES

Apologies again if items emailed for the newsletter this week are not included but unfortunately the email system is still not working but hopefully it should be back to normal next week.

Retiring Collection today for the Cabrini Children's Society who provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. The Society relies on the generosity and good will of the Catholic community to continue its work in our diocese. Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve. Cabrini Gift Aid envelopes are available for us to use, so do please GAD your donation.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February—7 March "**The Big Swap**" Fairtrade is inviting us to swap our usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff (i.e. bananas, socks, chocolate, tea and coffee etc). Each swap proves that people in the UK want producers in the developing world to get a better deal.

A day for commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 27th Feb 10.30am – 4pm at Concordia Hall. There will be a morning session on the Pastoral Care of the Sick and an Afternoon of Recollection. Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea provided. Please book your place as soon as possible by ringing Judy Harkins on 442018 (Holy Redeemer) or Teresa Spackman on 465170 (St Thomas').

East Sussex Life Group would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations towards its work. We would like to invite parishioners to a Morning of Prayer and Reflection for the sanctity of human life on next Saturday 20th February 9am -1pm at Community Wife, Ocklynge Road, Old Town, Eastbourne. Come and go as you are able. Refreshments available throughout the morning.

GENERAL NOTICES

The Diocesan Vocations Promoters are running two events on the priesthood. A "Vocations Retreat" at St. Johns Seminary, weekend of 5-7th March (min age 18) and a "Discovering Priesthood Day" on Sat 27th March (age 14-18). For further details please contact Fr. Paul Turner on 01293 603773 or vocations@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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