



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Cycle C) 21 FEBRUARY 2010

REFLECTION FOR THE 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*

REFLECTION FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

We read in today's Gospel of a mysterious moment in the mission of Jesus. On his way to Jerusalem to face his passion and death, his disciples 'saw his glory'. They glimpsed something of the glory of the resurrection that would be his. They, and he, were strengthened by this manifestation of his Father's love.

*Readings: Genesis 15:5-12; Philippians 3: 17-4:1;
Luke 9: 28-36*

THE CELEBRATING CHURCH LITURGY FOR 20 - 28 FEBRUARY

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		<i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	

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CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Day of special prayer for the needy and hungry of the world

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THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

We pray for the work of CAFOD: that it may continue to transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world.

HOLY REDEEMER

Table and Cake Sale this Sunday after Mass to raise money for bulbs and summer plants for the church grounds.

Our Parish office and Meeting room has moved over the road to No 31 Upper Church Road (Holy Redeemer House). The room next to the sacristy is now available for parents who wish to take their babies out if they wish to during Mass.

Car Parking Please only park your car in the car park if there is a designated space available as it is essential that there is access to the Church and St Vincent's flats for emergency vehicles at any time. Please also do not park in anyone's driveway.

The UCM would like to thank all those who came to the Valentines evening, those who supported us by buying tickets or giving donations. We gave £100 to St. Michael's Hospice via the Melody Makers and have £400 towards the Stained glass window. Thank you all very much.

Prize Bingo in the Hall on this Friday 26th at 7.15pm for 7.30 pm.

APF Mission Boxes Half yearly donations and emptying of Red Mission Boxes are now due. Please bring your boxes to the church next weekend, 26/27th February.

Haiti Earthquake Appeal There is a thank you letter from CAFOD in the Points of Interest File in the porch.

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, 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.

Collections: 13/14 February £522.49 (GAD£343.10)
Cabrini Children's Society £145.73 Donation Stained
Glass Window £25 (GAD £25)
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

ST. THOMAS'

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.

The Second Collection today is for **Lenten Alms** which is for the Contemplative Orders of Women in our Diocese.

200 Club Winners January V. Bridgland (No.183) and February J. Bailey (No. 43) Subscriptions are now due. Please send to Carol asap. Many thanks to all those who have paid recently.

Convent of the Holy Child Jesus If you are interested in following the developments and would like to support local residents with their objections then please use any of the following:<http://magdalenarearesidentassociation.net/> Email: anna123hemsley@aol.com Address: Anna Hemsley 23a Magdalen Road Tel:07895720451

Collections: 14 February £350.11 (GAD £89.50)
Cabrini Children's Society £141.38
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

CAFOD at St Thomas' during w/e 14th February, 2 envelopes and 2 collecting boxes contained the sum of £11.24 towards 'Training a Health Worker'. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary
5 March Women's World Day of Prayer
27 March Spring Cleaning Day in the church 10.30 am onwards

JOINT PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is on Friday this week and is the 50th anniversary of Lent Fast Day and has the theme of "**give it up**". The Retiring/Second Collection next weekend will be our response as a Parish Community to this Appeal - please be as generous as possible.

Day for commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion this Saturday 27th Feb 10.30am – 4pm in Concordia Hall. If you have not booked your place yet please ring Judy Harkins on 442018 (Holy Redeemer) or Teresa Spackman on 465170 (St Thomas') by this Monday.

CAFOD A&B would like to thank everyone for your incredible generosity for the people of Haiti, please see www.cafod.org.uk for updates and more information.

St Richard's Catholic College PTF A Quiz Night next Friday 26 February at 7.30 pm. Tables of 6, adults £3, Children £1. Bring your own refreshments To book a table ring Brenda Kent at the college on 731010

Inter Church Quiz Saturday 6th March in Concordia Hall at 7.30pm. £10 per table (max 8). All proceeds to Christian Aid. Entries by 28th Feb to mike@mikecoe.co.uk.

Deputy Headteacher for St Thomas a Becket Infant School in Eastbourne. See notice board for further details.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22 Feb—7 March "**The Big Swap**" Fairtrade invites 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.

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

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