



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Cycle C) 7 FEBRUARY 2010

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah and Peter are both challenged and called to special missions. They are not called because they are perfect. In the response and the task of mission they will be perfected. God's word also challenges us to grow and to bear fruit. We too should not hesitate or be held back by weakness and frailty.

*Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;
Luke 5: 1-11*

REFLECTION FOR 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*

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THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

'Open my hands, Lord, to share my gifts and skills; open my eyes, Lord, to see clearly; open my heart, Lord, to that which unites me with you and with all your creation. In my openness, give me the strength to change and so to change the world. In Jesus' name, Amen' (*Poverty Action Sunday Prayer, by Alastair Cameron and Alastair Murray*)
"There is enough for everybody's need, but not enough for anybody's greed." (*Mahatma Gandhi*)

HOLY REDEEMER

The Haiti Earthquake Disaster Appeal We have received another £443 (CAFOD £240 Gad £200 and Parish Social Action £203 GAD £203) making a total of £1,872 which will be sent direct to CAFOD. Thank you. The SVP have also sent £100 from their funds to the SVP Disaster Fund for Haiti.

Valentine's Social next Saturday 13th February Tickets on sale after Mass: £5 each or £12 for a family (2+2) or ring Judy on 442018. Buffet Supper, Raffle and music by the Melody Makers. Please support this fund raising event for the Stained Glass Window in the Lady Chapel.

Six week Lent Group starting on this Wednesday 10th February from 10am-12 noon at the Poor Clares' Convent. If you would like to come along please fill in your name on lists at both entrances to the church this weekend or ring Maria Crouch on 07840723197 as soon as possible.

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

Year for Priests There is adoration on Fridays after Mass from 10-10.30am to pray for priests during this special year.

Collections: 30/31 January £490.11 (GAD £292.60)
Catholic Education Service £116.41
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

Dates for your Diary

13 Feb UCM Valentines Social at Holy Redeemer
26 Feb Prize Bingo
27 Feb Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist Day - Concordia Hall

ST. THOMAS'

Today is Poverty Action Sunday with the theme "Enough for All." See Social Action Notice Board for full details. Our Retiring Collection is for **Emmaus Hastings and Rother**.

Lent Groups Today is the last day to sign-up for our Parish Lent Groups - please place your form in box at back of Church. If you did not receive a form or for any queries please phone Diana (426220) or Linda (431087).

Stations of the Cross please sign-up on Rota located on back bench of Church if you would like to lead Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays and Thursdays during Lent after 10 am Mass.

Gift Aid 40 Gift Aid forms were completed for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal and this action will enable CAFOD to recover the sum of £259.52 from HM Revenue and Customs. It really does make sense to Gift Aid (if you pay Income Tax) all donations to Parish, Diocesan and Charities (such as CAFOD) collections. The Bulletin will tell you each week as to which collections are GADABLE.

Collections: 31 January £264.18 (GAD £45)
Catholic Education Service £134.52
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

CAFOD at St Thomas' during w/e 31st January, 7 envelopes (3 x GAD = £56.00) contained the sum of £166.00 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. The total amount given to date being **£1,469.92**. We revert today to collecting towards the purchase of a World Gift - 'Training a Health Worker'. Should you wish to make a further donation to the Earthquake Appeal, please mark your envelope 'HAITI'. Thank you.

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JOINT PARISH NOTICES

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

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').

The Secular Franciscan Order is part of the Franciscan Family. The Fraternity of St. Clare, meets on the first Sunday of the month at the Poor Clares, Hollington. If you would like to come to a meeting or find out more ring Pat Lee on 754004.

A & B Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 29 Jul – 6 Aug 2010

Application forms available from both Parish offices, the Pilgrimage office or can be downloaded from the website www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180.

Emmaus Hastings & Rother Second-hand Store. New stock arriving every week so come up and have a browse; open Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm. We are in Whitworth Road (near Sainsburys) Tel 755111 for free collection of furniture etc. - see notice board for further details.

Baptism Enquiries for both parishes please contact Liz at St. Thomas' office 01424 420815, 9 –1pm Wed-Fri.

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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