



# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Cycle C) 10 JANUARY 2010

### REFLECTION FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Baptism of Jesus was a pivotal event in his life. The Holy Spirit came down on him and commissioned him for a great task. He was also assured that he enjoyed his Father's favour. It was a moment of special anointing and empowering. We pray today for all of us who have been anointed and similarly commissioned.

*Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3: 4-7  
Luke 3: 1-16, 21-22*

### REFLECTION FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In the Eastern Church, the Epiphany consists of three events in the life of Christ. We, in the Western Church, follow that tradition in this year of our cycle of readings. We celebrated the first of these Epiphanies: the one to the wise men, two weeks ago. Last week, we celebrated the Epiphany that accompanied his Baptism at the river Jordan. Today, we look at the Wedding Feast of Cana as a further Epiphany or manifestation of the Messiah.

*Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians: 12-4-11; John 2: 1-11*

## THE CELEBRATING CHURCH LITURGY FOR 9 - 17 JANUARY

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*Retiring Collection: Pax Christi*

### Reconciliation on Saturday:

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### **Parish Office Hours:**

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# THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

"As long as there is one person in the world hungry, or oppressed,  
in fear and lacking dignity, the work of the Christian is not done"  
*Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

## HOLY REDEEMER

This week's **Retiring Collection** is for one of the frontline local **Pro Life Charities** which gives direct help to Mothers and their babies and for women who want an alternative to Abortion. Please be generous for this worthwhile cause.

**CAFOD/SVP Christmas Card Board raised £264** plus a donation of £49 for the SVP. This will buy: 1 Bicycle for a Community Care Worker, 2 gifts of Chickens and 2 pairs of Piglets for CAFOD; and the SVP will be able to feed 5 Babies in the Sudan for a year. Thank you so much to all those who supported this project and for helping people in the developing world.

**New Rotas** for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are in the outer Sacristy for collection.

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

**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.

**The Poor Clares** say Morning Prayer at 8am followed by Exposition and Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm on Tuesday—Sunday, and all are welcome to come and join them in the Convent next door at 22 Upper Church Road.

**Collections:** 2/3 January £393.31 (GAD £209.87)  
*These amounts do not include Standing Order payments*

### **Dates for your Diary**

18 Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
13 Feb UCM Valentines Social

## ST. THOMAS'

**Retiring Collection Today** is for the local (Eastbourne) branch of "LIFE", providing care services for unsupported mothers, women with problems relating to pregnancy and those suffering from the effects of abortion.

**Parish Music Group** meet on Monday (11th) at 6.30 pm at 21 Collinswood Drive for a practice - new members are warmly invited to attend.

**Prayer and Planning Meetings** for both 11 am and 6 pm Masses, will take place in the John Fisher Room on Fridays 15th and 22nd January at 7.30 pm and Saturdays 16th and 23rd January at 10.30 am. All ministers are requested to attend one of these sessions

**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:** 20 December - to be advised  
27 December - to be advised  
3 January - £363.88 (GAD £99.10)  
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**CAFOD at St Thomas'** during w/e 3rd January, 5 envelopes contained the sum of £17.70 towards our target of £300 to train a Community Health Worker in the developing world. Full details on CAFOD Notice Board in Church Porch.

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## **JOINT PARISH NOTICES**

**Peace Sunday** is next Sunday (17th). The theme chosen by Pope Benedict for his World Peace Day Message is "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation". The Retiring Collection will be for the work of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

**St Richards Catholic College** Consultation of Admission Arrangements for the Academic Year 2011-2012. Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation that the Governing Body as the admission authority for St. Richards is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements and criteria for 2011-2012. The closing date for submitting comments is Monday 15 February 2010. The proposal can be viewed at: [www.st-richards.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.st-richards.e-sussex.sch.uk) or write to Mrs. Karen Taylor, St Richard's Catholic College, Ashdown Road, Bexhill on Sea, TN40 1SE.

**Baptism Meeting for parents/godparents** will be on January 16th at 3.30pm in the JFR. Welcoming of children in to parish community will be on Sunday 31st Jan at the 9am at HR and 11am at St.T. St Thomas's Baptisms will be on February 14th and Holy Redeemer on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1.30 and 3pm. Information packs are available from Liz at the parish office.

**Unity Service** Sunday 17th January at 4pm at St Leonards Baptist Church, Church Road, St. Leonards. Speaker: Lucy Skelton, Christian Schools Worker. All welcome.

**Annual Justice & Peace Assembly** "Water in our World, a Thirst for Justice" Saturday 23 January at DABCEC, Crawley. For more information and to reserve a place contact Ruth Gerun 01293 651164 or email [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org).

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**Holocaust Memorial Day** Saturday 30th January at St Mary in the Castle at 11 am. Admission free but tickets must be obtained in advance from the Information Centre in Priory Meadow.

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