



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Cycle C) 17 JANUARY 2010

REFLECTION FOR THE 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

REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

As we gather in church in the presence of the One who is so much greater than us, we are reminded in our readings that people have been doing what we are doing for a very long time.

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30;
Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

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THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation.....Protecting the natural environment in order to build a world of peace is thus a duty incumbent upon each and all. It is an urgent challenge."

Pope Benedict XVI - World Day of Peace 2010

HOLY REDEEMER

This week's Retiring Collection is for **Pax Christi**. Please use their GAD envelopes. If you would like to contribute to last week's **Pro-Life** collection and were unable to do so because of the weather, please use the purple envelopes and mark it Pro-life and this can be Gadded. Thank You

Wine and Nibbles at the Poor Clares were postponed due to the weather and now you are all invited to drop in - weather permitting - at the Convent (22 Upper Church Road) on Saturday 30th January any time after 7 pm, closing with Compline at 9 pm.

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 helped people in the developing world.

In May of this year, the **Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** celebrate their Golden Jubilee in this Parish. To commemorate this occasion we have commissioned Alan Wright to design a stained glass window for the Lady Chapel. We shall be fund raising for this and have a VALENTINE'S SOCIAL coming up on the 13th February which we hope you will support. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

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

Collections: 9/10 January £158.46 (GAD £100)
Parish Social Action Pro-Life Charity £113.51 (GAD £63.20)
These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

Dates for your Diary

13 Feb UCM Valentines Social at Holy Redeemer

ST. THOMAS'

Today is Peace Sunday when we are invited to reflect on Pope Benedict's World Peace Day Message "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation". Please take home the Pax Christi Reflection on this theme, together with the Prayer Card. Today's Retiring Collection is for the work of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace, which offers programmes that develop education for peace and seek alternatives to violence as well as campaigning on issues such as the arms trade.

Prayer and Planning Meetings will take place in the John Fisher Room on Friday at 7.30 pm and on Saturday at 10.30am. All ministers are requested to attend one session (either last week or this) .

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 parish office.

Collections: 10 January 2010 £214.39 (GAD £90.00)
LIFE £90.92

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CAFOD at St Thomas' during w/e 10th January, 2 envelopes contained the sum of £12.00 towards our target of £300 for the CAFOD Worlds Gift of 'Training a Health Worker'.

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JOINT PARISH NOTICES

Unity Service this Sunday 17th January at 4pm at Chapel Park Baptist Church, Chapel Park Road, St. Leonards. Speaker: Lucy Skelton, Christian Schools Worker. You are all welcome.

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 or write to Mrs. Karen Taylor, St Richard's Catholic College, Ashdown Road, Bexhill on Sea, TN40 1SE.

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.

The Diocesan Vocations Promoters are running the following events on the priesthood. A "Vocations Retreat" at St. Johns Seminary, Womersley, nr Guildford from Friday 5th March until Sunday 7th March. (min age 18) and a "Discovering Priesthood Day" on Sat 27th March at Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead nr Horsham, for young men aged between 14 -18 years. Please contact Paul Turner on 01293 603773 or vocations@dabnet.org

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

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.

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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