



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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Cycle C) 24 JANUARY 2010

### REFLECTION FOR THE 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*

### REFLECTION FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Today we will hear about Jeremiah's call to be a prophet and about Jesus' visit as a prophet to his home synagogue. We too have been called to be prophets. We were given this calling in Baptism and as was the case with Jeremiah and Jesus, it is a calling that demands courage.

*Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; I Corinthians 12:31-13:13;  
Luke 4: 21-30*

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# THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

*Prayer For the people of Haiti* At this time of darkness for the people of Haiti, we remember all those who have died in the earthquake, and the thousands who are injured, homeless or afraid. You understand the devastation of bereavement, may your spirit comfort those who mourn. You are a light that shines in the darkest times, guide, support and strengthen all those in need. We ask this in the name of Christ your son, who became flesh and lived among us. Amen.

## HOLY REDEEMER

**Today's Retiring Collection is for the Haiti Earthquake Disaster**, please be generous. If you pay tax please use a CAFOD envelope and make sure you fill out the back of the envelope with your name and address including post code so they can claim the GAD. You may use the normal purple envelope if you wish.

**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 next Saturday 30th January any time after 7 pm; the evening will close with Compline at 9 pm.

**January 200 Club Winners** £50 John Flanagan (No 108) and £25 Lorraine Hudson-Jones (No 158). Membership currently stands at 151 - new members always welcome only £1 a month.

The Parish Social Action **Pro-Life Charity Retiring Collection** on the 17th January amounted to £131.76 including GAD and this will be sent to Life in Eastbourne.

In May this year, the **Union of Catholic Mothers** celebrate their Golden Jubilee in our 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.

**Collections:** 16/17 January £672.78 (GAD £454)  
Pax Christi £113.51

*These amounts do not include Standing Order payments*

### Dates for your Diary

13 Feb UCM Valentines Social at Holy Redeemer

## ST. THOMAS'

**The Retiring Collection Today** will be our response as a Parish Community to the **Haiti Earthquake Appeal** from CAFOD - please be as generous as possible and, if you pay Income Tax, complete the CAFOD Gift Aid Form to increase your donation by 28% - at no extra cost to you. Thank you.

**Parish Music Group** will meet on this Monday at 6.30 pm for a practice in St. Thomas'

**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.

**Miss Nancy Peters** was parishioner at St. Thomas's for many years. Her last home was at Holy Cross Priory where she died, aged 99, on January 13. Miss B.N.Peters' funeral is at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Bexhill on Wednesday Jan 27th at 1.30pm.

**Collections:** 17 January £283.38 (GAD £67.50)  
Pax Christi £165.93

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**CAFOD at St Thomas'** during w/e 17th January, 11 envelopes (1 x GAD = £5) contained the sums of £15.41 (Training of Health Worker) and £126.40 (Haiti Earthquake Appeal). All CAFOD envelopes placed in the Black Steel Box this week and next will be towards the Haiti Earthquake Appeal

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## JOINT PARISH NOTICES

**Plans to develop the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus** and adjacent land. A meeting will be held at St Mary Star of the Sea School on Tuesday 26th January 6pm till 7pm. This will be an initial meeting of the Magdalen Road Residents Association to consider the proposed developments of the convent and the potential impact of these on our local community. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

**A day for commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic** 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. To book your place please ring Judy Harkins on 442018 (HR) or Teresa Spackman on 465170 (StT).

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vocations@dabnet.org)

**Resident Housekeeper** for St Cuthman's Retreat Centre, Coolham, Nr. Horsham. This is a new post providing a unique opportunity for someone with practical skills to work and live in a beautiful peaceful setting as part of a small dedicated team of staff and volunteers. Please see notice board for full details of the post and how to apply.

## GENERAL NOTICES

**Street Pastors Launch** on Friday 5th February at 7.30pm at Wellington Square Baptist Church. If you would like to go along or would be interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Anja Keep on [hastings@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:hastings@streetpastors.org.uk)

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