



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY AND HOLY REDEEMER



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Cycle C) 3 JANUARY 2010

REFLECTION FOR THE EPIPHANY

Called by different names in different countries, this feast celebrates the manifestation of the Christ Child to the nations. In a sense it is another Christmas, a 'little Christmas', for it also celebrates an aspect of Jesus' coming among us. Raise your heads, awaken your courage, the light has come in the person of the Christ child.

*Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians: 3:2-3, 5-6;
Matthew 2: 1-12*

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*

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Our Website: www.rcchurchesinstleonardsonsea.org.uk

St Thomas': The Presbytery 31c Magdalen Road St Leonards on Sea, TN37 6ET 01424 420815 email: fitch@stthomastn37.co.uk

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THE LEARNING AND CARING CHURCH

I am delighted to have the opportunity to thank you for your support and prayers and for all your Christmas Cards and Gifts. I am very grateful for the generosity you have shown in your Christmas Offerings on Christmas Day. May I wish you a peaceful and fruitful 2010 and be assured of my prayers for the coming year. Fr Ian

HOLY REDEEMER

Thank you for supporting the Carol Service. £82 was collected at the Service and £38 donated by the Art Club. So we shall be sending a cheque for £120 to St Michael's Hospice. The Youth Group raised £53 towards their overseas fund.

CAFOD/SVP Christmas Card Board raised over £200. Many thanks to everyone who supported this project and we will let you know the final total next week.

The Poor Clares' invite parishioners to join them next **Saturday 9 January between 7-9 pm for Wine and Nibbles** finishing with Compline. All parishioners are welcome to drop in at the Convent at 22 Upper Church Road, Hollington

There are Thank you letters for donations we have sent in the Points of Interest Folder in the porch from the Columban Fathers for the donation for the Jose Ramon Children's Home in Chile and also one from Surviving Christmas.

200 Club December Winners £50 Barbara Toll (No. 31) and £25 Evelyn Davis (No. 72). If you would like to join please complete a form and return to Barbara High.

The Knitting Group is running out of wool and we would be grateful for any left over wool, please give to Eithne Saunders or Barbara Toll.

Car Parking Would all the parishioners who park in Upper Church Road please make sure that they do not block or park in anyone's driveway.

Collections: 19/20 December £462.12 (GAD £299.50)
26/27 December £403.38 (GAD £239.50)

These amounts do not include Standing Order payments

ST. THOMAS'

Many thanks to all who supported the Sale of Christmas Cards (£40.20) and the Christmas Card Board (£142.17), these sums plus the weekly donations during Advent have enabled us to complete the purchase of a Greenhouse (£225) from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue and also to make a start towards the purchase of our next item, 'Train a community health worker' (£300) - full details of which are on CAFOD Notice Board in Church Porch.

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 (not available)
27 December (not available)

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CAFOD at St Thomas' during w/e 20th December, 3 envelopes contained the sum of £5.72 and, during w/e 27th December, 5 envelopes (1 x GAD = £5) contained the sums of £54.86 (both towards the purchase of an item from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue) and £5.00 (Darfur Appeal). Thank you

JOINT PARISH NOTICES

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 21st at 1.30 and 3pm. Information packs are available from Liz at the parish office.

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.

Please note that there will be no Afternoons of Prayer at the Poor Clares in January.

Parish Newsletter If you have poor eyesight and would like a larger print copy please give your name to Liz Fitch at Parish Office 420815 or to Sue Lee at the Holy Redeemer

A week in Madrid? 4 days in a local community with Hundreds of young people gathering in fun, faith and friendship. **World Youth Day 2011** in Madrid offers all of this and more. The Diocese is planning a huge trip and we'd love to register your interest - no obligation! To find out more, contact Lucy Jardine, Youth Administrator at the Christian Education Centre 01293 651162 or lucy.jardine@dabnet.org or visit <http://www.yaab.co.uk/world-youth-day>

GENERAL NOTICES

Vocations to the Priesthood See notice board for further details or contact Fr. Paul Turner, Vocations Director on 01293 603773 or email vocations at dabnet.org

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