

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Can Satan cast out Satan?” Mark 3, 22. Illustration by William Blake (c.1820) based on Milton’s Paradise lost’.

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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions,
Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.
Zoom ID:768 558 1521 and Password:1rZ7LU

10th ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat.Jun. 08 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int - Roger & Sarah Nichols

Sun. 09 10th Ord. Sunday, Yr.B

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –*int- Sam Shears*

Mon. 10 Mass, Weob.10.00Z.- *feria*

Tues. 11 Mass. Weob. 10.30 – St. Barnabas

Wed. 12 NO Mass. K’ton

Thur. 13 NO Mass - *St. Anthony of Padua*

Fri. 14 Mass,Weobley 4.00pm- *feria*

Sat 15 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 16 10TH Ordinary Sunday

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ABBOT BRENDAN
THOMAS, NEWLY ELECTED AS THE
12TH.ABBOT OF BELMONT ABBEY.**

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND GAZA

May lasting peace reign in Jesus’ own country

**Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change
of the Russian mind, especially the church.**

**PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights
for women**

For Peace in the Arabian Gulf.

FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have
love, justice and shelter according to their needs.

For the people of Haiti and all relief efforts.

For the people of Georgia in their struggle for
freedom.

**Please pray for all of us in the U.K. as we prepare
to vote for a new parliament.**

**We pray for those of our parish or known to us who
are sick or in need of special prayers:** John and
Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro,
Vivian Brooke, Pat Walls, Sheila Mundy, Catherine
Williams, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Tom
O’Brien, **Roger & Sarah Nichols**, Bill Davies, .
**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Sylvia Hayes, Michal Payman

**We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time:** Sam Shears
(M.’96), Frances Cochrane (M. 2000), Dom Luke
Waring (M.2016), Peter Hartland (T.2013), Peter
Berry (Sa.2014)

**For King Charles III and Princess Kate at this time
of concern over their health.** May our King always
set the highest standards of leadership for our country.
We also pray for our government, especially our Prime
Minister, Rishi Sunak. May they govern with integrity
following the religious beliefs of our country. And we
pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the
world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine **and for
conversion of the Russian leadership.**

**The people and leaders of Gaza, Israel & Yemen,
and for the success of current peace-talks. .**

**DON’T MISS THE PARISH A.G.M. THIS MONDAY,
JUNE 10th.7.00pm. Please: at least one per
household.**

**PARISH RETREAT DAY, at LLANGASTY,
Monday June 17th. led by Fr. Alex Kenyon OSB.
Morning refreshments, 2 talks, Lunch, Quiet time
in beautiful house and scenery, Tea. All for £38.00
*Please, we need more people. You will enjoy it.***

DATES TO HUNGER FOR (details to follow):

Strawberry Tea-Sunday June 23rd. p.t.o.

Parish Barbecue - Sunday Sept.1st.

Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1st

**RED BOXES are now due for counting. Please
bring them to church for Andy to count and pay the
money in to Missio.**

Strawberry tea tickets on sale today!

SERMONETTE

Today, after all the solemnity of Lent and Eastertide, we pick up the threads of our Bible themes from where we left off before Ash Wednesday.

FIRST READING from the Book of Genesis (*Ch.3, vv. 9-15*) It is generally acknowledged by scripture scholars, Catholic and Protestant, that the first chapters of Genesis are allegorical, that they do not refer to historical people with names Adam and Eve but that their truth goes infinitely deeper, to the relationship between God and man, to God's purpose in creation and to our relationship with the other species. Today we look at the darkest side of the mystery, alienation and sin. God comes to his friend 'the man', knowing that all is not right. The story reads like that of a guilty teenager who has been caught stealing. For the first time man resorts to cover-up, then someone else to blame. God and man become aware of a gap in their friendship, "but it wasn't my fault. Everything was alright until you sent me that woman, that 'companion'". But it wasn't all her fault either. You see, there was this serpent.... Two young people have become 'aware'; they can never go back or become unaware or be un-tempted. The one who has done this is sly and devious but he still has a right to live because I created him too, not evil because nothing I create can be evil, but he became devious, frightened and jealous. Perhaps he too had been frightened.

SECOND READING from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (*Ch.4. v.13-5, v1*)

Paul is explaining to the Corinthians that, like himself, they have received the same spirit of faith coming to them from the Holy Spirit. This is a gift given to us to spread the gospel of Jesus. Grace is that gift from God which enables us to live and act as He does. "Grace" means God's free gift, the gift of Himself to act and think as He does. Grace also means "free" and "thanks", as we say grace before and after meals. When we are acting with grace we are acting like God and therefore giving glory to Him. In life we will have troubles and suffer decay but the grace within us enables us to not only to bear the weight of suffering but, more importantly, to "carry the weight of eternal glory" which is out of all proportion to our weaknesses.

GOSPEL according to Mark (*Ch.3 vv.20-35*)

Jesus is in the midst of his discourses with the people. His popularity is such that many of the more 'savvy' people are worried that He might be getting carried away. Among the most critical are the scribes who have come all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to catch Him out and to warn the people that He is doing all these things through the Prince of Devils, Beelzebul. This might have convinced some of the ordinary people but to Jesus it was plain nonsense. "How could Satan cast out Satan?"

Jesus then turns to the matter of the Holy Spirit, a recent and specific part of His teaching. He assures the people that all their sins can be forgiven but for one: sin against the Holy Spirit, whether by blasphemy or for the Holy Spirit is the divine presence Himself. Finally Jesus' mother and brethren appear and he seems almost to dismiss them. What he seems to mean is that the people are making a big fuss about his relations but what matters is doing the will of God, whoever you are..

THE PARISH RETREAT

I encourage as many as possible to come on this retreat day. It is basically a day of prayer and spiritual reflection. It is about ourselves individually and as a parish, and above all it is about getting closer to God.

Fr. Alex Kenyon of Belmont, who will lead the retreat, has written that he would like to speak on the Mass, on who Jesus was and our relationship with Him.

The day is NOT about church structures, problems, issues, etc. It will be about us and our love of God.

Please try to come along. We need at least 12 but 25 would be much preferable. (We have 10 so far.)

The cost, £38, is £33.00 each for the retreat house: the place and its accommodation and facilities, morning coffee, a good lunch and afternoon tea, and £5 each to Fr. Alex. **Please sign up on the appropriate sheet at the back of the church.**

STRAWBERRY TEA: June 23rd. £5.00 per adult. Children (under 18) free, on sale wk/end June 1+2

Strawberries have been ordered from Moor Court Farm. The Tea will be on the parish 'Jubilee' Field, from 2.30 - 5.00pm. The success of the day will depend upon the participation and help of as many as possible. **Help will also be needed on Friday June 21st to set up the marquees.** If you are willing and able please 'phone **Frank McNally** on 07909 660 160. A rota of tea and cake servers for 30 min. shifts. **Donations of cakes needed on the day. Raffle prizes** needed and can be left at either church. A couple of ticket sellers on the day. The all-popular **Bottle Stall** will be run by Pat and Karen. **They will need bottles.** Any help, please ring **Joan McNally** on [07528.676 760](tel:07528.676.760). Email: mcnallyjoan49@gmail.com

Tickets on sale this weekend