

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



Parable of the Sower (Mk.26, vv.25-34)- Vincent van Gogh

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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

11th ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat.Jun.15 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int - Roger & Sarah Nichols

Sun. 16 11th Ord. Sunday, Yr.B
Mass, Weob. 10.30Z -

Mon. 17 NO Mass. Retreat day

Tues. 18 Mass. Weob. 10.30 - St. Romuald

Wed. 19 Mass, K'ton 10.30

Thur. 20 NO Mass-S.Alban & Comp.1st.Brit.Marts

Fri. 21 Mass,Weobley 4.00pm-St.Aloysius

Sat 22 SS. John Fisher & Thomas More.
Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 23 12TH 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: Sir Illtyd Clayton
(S.'55), Douglas Kennedy Jardine (S.'95), Edward
Longueville (M.'65), Catherine Boylan (M.), George
Basil Cardinal Hume (M.'99), Phyllis Mary Mary
Birch (W.'56), Joseph Taylor (W.'95), Isabel Lambot
(W.2001), Jo. Parrott (W.2015).

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. .

Thanks to all who came to the parish A.G.M. last
Monday. It wasn't over-crowded out but we had a
good meeting with lively discussions on many
important parish matters. See the minutes on N/B.
Please bring RED BOXES to Mass for counting.

PARISH RETREAT DAY, at LLANGASTY,
THIS Monday June 17th. led by Fr. Alex Kenyon.
Any last minute applicants, see Fr. Simon..

DATES TO HUNGER FOR (details to follow):
Strawberry Tea- NEXT Sunday June 23rd. p.t.o.
Parish Barbecue - Sunday Sept.1st.
Bring and share Lunch - Sun. Dec.1st

Tickets for STRAWBERRY TEA after Mass.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Ezekiel (Ch.17, vv. 22-24)

The Hebrew language seems to lend itself to pictures and metaphors. Today, Ezekiel is dwelling upon the magnificent cedar trees, probably on the borders with Lebanon. These were natural symbols of God's presence and majesty, but also for God's hopes and delights in His people. The cedar's of Lebanon were symbols of God's enormous ever-growing majesty. However, the trees too are subject to His divine rule: some He causes to be huge, others have potential for growth but, infact, wither and are stunted..Is there an allegory here for the human race?

SECOND READING from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (Ch.5. v.6-10)

Paul is edging towards a belief in after-life, or rather, being with the Lord forever. As long as we are still in our bodies, we are distanced ("exiled") from the Lord. But we are now people of faith, not just the body. If we can be exiled from the body we can "make our home with the Lord" and be only inte bnt on pleasing Him. However, there will also be a "law court" where all our deeds will be weighted up and each of us will get what he deserves for the things we did in the body.

GOSPEL according to Mark (Ch.4, vv.26-34)

Jesus in his preaching makes several references to wheatfields and sowers. After all, they were walking through them constantly so they formed a visual aid.. There is the parable of the wheat and the darnel, the parable of the seed falling on different grounds, and today the analogy of the growth of the wheat and our own growth. The silent maturation of the wheat seed is a constant miracle in itself, and a reminder of the miracle of our bodily growth. Not only that but we should consider the mustard see (growing all around them), how it starts of tiny, like a human baby and yet finishes as a vast tree providing shelter for other species. Jesus only spoke in parables because if he had been more specific his opponents would have found reasons to believe that He was not referring to them. In a parable everyone is included.

THE PARISH RETREAT - Llangasty Retreat House, Llangorse

Allow 1 hr. from Weobley. A438 towards Brecon. After Three Cocks, left on to 4078 to Talgarth, continue through on to 4560 to Trefecca and Cathedine, turn sharp rt. off 4560, follow signs to 'Walled Garden' and Llangasty Retreat House.

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:07528.676760). Email: mcnallyjoan49@gmail.com

Tickets on sale this weekend