

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



Christ healing the sick. Rembrandt van Rijn, c.1640

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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

14th ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat.Jul.06 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.
Int - Roger & Sarah Nichols
Sun. 07 14th. Ordinary Sunday
Mass, Weob. 10.30Z – Int. Andrew Pace
Mon. 08 Mass, Weob. 10.00 - feria
Tues. 09 Mass, Weob. 10.00 - feria
Wed. 10 Mass, K'ton. 10.30 - feria
***Thur. 11 *Mass, Weob. 4.00 * – St. Benedict**
Fri. 12 NO Mass. Blessing of Abbot Brendan at
Belmont Abbey by Archbp. Mark O'Toole.
13 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.
Sun. 14 15th ORDINARY SUNDAY
Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z
Int. Fr. Frank Slater

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.

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: Michal Payman, Andrew Pace, Fr.Frank Slater.
We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time: *(No names noted for*
this week.)

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 new government, especially
our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his
cabinet. 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.
For the people and leaders of Gaza, Israel, Lebanon
& Yemen, and for the success of all peace
initiatives.

Please bring RED BOXES to Mass for counting.

From Joan McNally and from Fr. Simon. A big
'thank you' to all parishioners who made the
Strawberry Tea such a great success. A total of
£613.30 was raised for parish funds. £135 of that
was from generous donations.

FURTHER DATES TO HUNGER FOR
Parish Barbecue - Sunday Sept.1st.
Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1st

Next Sunday, July 14th.
SEA SUNDAY.
Special collection for the Apostleship of the
Sea.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the prophecy of Ezekiel (*Ch.2 vv.2-5*)

The people of Israel and Juda are now living in exile in Babylon. One would have thought that that would have been a salutary lesson for them but, alas, no. Many lost their faith in Yahweh God or they so adapted to the customs of their Babylonian overlords that they became indistinguishable from them in behaviour and even in religion. Here God, through his prophet Ezekiel, is calling them back to himself by sending a succession of prophets of whom Ezekiel is one of the most prominent.

SECOND READING from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (*Ch.12, vv.7-10*)

If anyone suffered for his faith, it was Paul. Why did he not just stay a pious Pharisee, keeping the Law and making sure everyone else did. But no, God had other ideas, God wanted him to take the message of His Son, Jesus, the one whom he and his people rejected, to the Gentiles and to spread the Word to all parts of the world. Paul was the initiator of world-wide Christianity but God seemed to see fit to try him with many trials and weaknesses. To Paul, it was all worth it because “when I am weak, then I am strong”. Paul was also the master of the language of paradox.

GOSPEL according to Mark (*Ch.6, vv.1-6*)

Jesus begins His ministry in His home country of Galilee among his own kith and kin. Whilst some rejoice in His words and deed – especially His miracles – others are naturally sceptical. “I mean, who does He think He is?” We’ve all heard it in school and thereafter. They were not to know that Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah: this was to be revealed later. But they had no excuse for not believing His miracles which He did in front of them. Some did, others did not. That too is a human mystery down the ages: why some can see the truth and others systematically refute it at their cost.

Funerals:

Andrew Pace, Memorial service: Hamnish church, nr. Kimbolton, Leominster. Tues. JULY 16TH. 12.00 to be confirmed.

Morning Mass at Weobley will be a Mass for Andrew at 10.00.

Fr. Frank Slater. Wed. July 17th. Belmont Abbey. Time to be notified in next week’s newsletter.