

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



“You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while” (Mark. Ch.6, v.30)

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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

16th ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat.Jul.20 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int - Roger & Sarah Nichols

Sun. 21 16th. Ordinary Sunday

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 22 Mass, Weob. 10.00 – St.Mary Magdalen

Tues. 23 Mass, Weob. 10.00 – St.Bridget of Sweden

Wed. 24 Mass, K’ton. 10.30 - feria

Thur. 25 NO Mass here. St.James, Ap.

Mass at Longworth Chapel, Bartestree, 11.00

Fri. 26 Mass – SS. Joachim & Anne

Sat. 27 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 28 17th ORDINARY SUNDAY
Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

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.
Let us pray for calm and good sense in the run up
to the elections in the U.S.A.

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: Andrew Pace, Fr.Frank Slater.

We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time: John Thurston
(S.’73), Kathleen Donnelly (Th.’65), Henry Malotaux
(F.)

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.

FURTHER DATES TO HUNGER FOR

Parish Barbecue - Sunday Sept.1st.

Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1st

Last Sunday was SEA SUNDAY.
There was a special collection for the
Apostleship of the Sea. If you were unable to
give, please do so today.

LONGWORTH CHAPEL MASS

This annual Mass in the part medieval chapel
at former Bartestree convent, will be at 11.00
on Thursday July 25th., the feast of St. James
the apostle. You are encouraged to attend.
Celebrant, Abbot Brendan.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the prophecy of Jeremiah (*Ch.23, vv.1-6*)

The analogy of a pastor of people with the shepherd is a very ancient one, especially in a pastoral society. The prophet Jeremiah brings home forcefully the obligation of a religious shepherd using the words of the Lord God. God calls certain chosen people to be the shepherds of His people but we see from Jeremiah's words that many of these and not living up to their calling. This is at a particularly important moment in their history when the people are ravaged by their Babylonian overlords and are being allowed, even encouraged, to forget their allegiance to Yahweh. Okay, says God: I can raise the people myself, but I will still need human pastors who understand them, speak their language and lead them into green pastures. But woe betide the bad shepherds who were chosen for this divine mission and who just took advantage of it. Underlying all this is the status of the Kings, the chief shepherds, who too often were unsatisfactory reprobates, and who did not measure up to the founder of the dynasty, David.

SECOND READING from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (*Ch.2, vv.13-18*)

The Ephesians were mainly gentiles of a highly cultured Greek city, but "far apart" from their Jewish citizens in their midst of whom Paul was one. It would seem from the text that there was religious and cultural antipathy between them, an antipathy which has no place in the new law of Christ where all are one. This would have been extremely difficult for both sides to understand, especially the Jews, wedded as they were to the Mosaic Law. But what had the Mosaic Law to do with an urbane society of cultured Greeks with no knowledge of the Law but who were willing to embrace Jesus Christ? Paul tells them all that in Christ, God has chosen to create one single New Man out of the two religions and cultures. There is no place for divisions, sects and artificial differences. All are one in the same Spirit who is leading us to the same God.

GOSPEL according to Mark (*Ch.6, vv.30-34*)

Last week, Jesus sent out his 12 apostles to preach the Good News. This week, they return exhausted. It is all so natural and human. Jesus calls them apart to take a rest. The apostolic mission is exhausting; even the shepherds need rest. But do the people realise it? Not Jesus' crowds; they just follow Him and the apostles around the lake until they can reassemble in ever greater numbers and ever greater problems. As usual, Jesus' reaction is to "take pity on them". It is true that the pastors need a rest, even a retreat, but somehow this must take a subordinate place to the real needs of the people, the sheep. God will provide the rest in His own good time.
