

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C



“Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things but Mary has chosen the better part.” – *Eileen Kennedy, U.S. modern*

THE PARISH

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Sat. Jul. 19 Mass of Ord. Sun.16, K'ton. 6.00

Sun. 20 Ord. Sunday 16

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

Mon 21 Mass.Weob.10.00 - feria * = *morning pr.*

Tue 22 Mass, Weob, 10.00 – S.Mary Magdalen. *

Wed. 23 Mass, K'ton 10.30–S.Bridget of Sweden. *

Thur 24 NO Mass here. * Mass at Bartestree chapel 11.00. Celebr. Archbishop Mark

Fri 25 Mass 4.00 - St.James, Apostle * 9.30

Sat. 26 Mass of Ord.Sun.17, 6.00pm. Kington

Sun. 27 17th.Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS.

For the child killed and pupils and parents distressed by the school coach crash in Devon.

For permanent peace between India and Pakistan.

For an end to war between Iran and Israel.

For the immediate release of remaining Israeli hostages. That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have food, freedom and the right to decide their own future,

That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.

For Prince William and Princess Kate in their initiatives for the homeless and the deprived of our country.

PARISH INTENTIONS

For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers: John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Sheila Mundy, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Ann Clarke, Julia Evans. John Cochrane.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Justin Neill, Brian Holley, Klaus Hirsch.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Thurston (T. '1973), Kathleen Donnelly (F. '65), Henry Malotau (Sa.)

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs and social needs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp. President Zelenski of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE. Our Bishops have asked us to offer special prayers and personal engagement with the current bills before parliament.

1. Against our ever-relaxing abortion laws.
2. for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill.(Local M.P.s: Ellie Chown's voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Please work on Ellie Chown's but better not to identify as a Catholic.

15 MINUTE DAILY PRAYER HAS STARTED.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON 'ZOOM'. Our ipads afford us a great new opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of The Acts of the Apostles and of Vatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer of the Church. Just download a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS'. There you will find the complete prayer of every day and the Mass texts for that day. **NEW ZOOM ID: 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu**

SERMONETTE – THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C

FIRST READING from the Book of Genesis (Ch.18, vv.1-10)

Another seminal text from Genesis. God has already chosen Abraham to be the “father of many nations” but there is one problem: Sarah his wife is barren. How then is he to cover the earth with his progeny? God doesn’t plan a mission without providing the necessities. One day, three men arrive at Abraham’s tent in the heat of the day. Abraham immediately goes into hospitality mode because in his culture everyone sent is from the Lord. Sarah is immediately put to work preparing a lavish meal. The three men ask after Sarah: after all she is the key to the future but doesn’t know it. Having eaten their meal the men depart with an assurance that they will return next year... by which time Sarah will have a child. So where did the men come from?

SECOND READING from Paul’s letter to the Colossians (Ch. 1. vv.24-28)

Following from last week, Paul is delving in to the intensity of the mystery of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to be baptised into Christ? It is nothing less than to continue His being in this world so that we can actually make up in our lives what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ. How can this be? We are literally Christ throughout the rest of time. The Church is the place where Christ goes on living, suffering and dying in His members.

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel of Luke, (Ch.10, vv. 25-37)

Some the narratives about Jesus are also parables, like this story today about Jesus, Martha and Mary. Many women who are naturally domesticated and clean hate this story because they can think that they are being got at, in comparison to “goody goody Mary”. But the story applies equally to men. Many men hate to “get it wrong”, for their own inner self-pride or for their fear of looking a failure. The equivalent of Mary is not a “holy Joe” but someone who prays and listens to the Lord for the Lord’s sake regardless of what others think.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

GATES: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CAR-PARK GATES AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. THIS IS BECAUSE CERTAIN PERSONS OF A PERAMBULANT DISPOSITION ARE TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CAMP DOWN ON APPARENTLY VACANT PROPERTIES. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE: I HOPE IT WON’T LAST LONG. Fr. Simon

BEATING THE BOUNDS OF OUR PARISH – How big is it?

For those who wish, I will lead a motorised trip (fun-run) around the entire perimeter of our parish. You will probably be surprised! We will need my (parish) car and 2/3/4 others with 4 seats each, depending on how many sign up. We will stop at various points of interest (views, churches, etc.). The journey will be about 60 miles. Sunday afternoons would seem to be best. **Please sign the list in the church for your preferred Sunday or choice of Sundays.** I have drawn up an itinerary available for all. Before we leave perhaps someone could ‘SAT-NAV’ it.

Bring a packed lunch to eat at 12.30, then we would leave at 1.00. Hope to be back 5.30 but....

VERY IMPORTANT:

Today, Saturday 19th, at Belmont, Abbot Brendan announced the joyful news that the community of St. Gregory, Downside, have arrived at Belmont to take up residence. We at Belmont are very pleased to receive them but we do feel for what they have lost. Please pray for them and for us.

Abbot Brendan also announced the opening of our new Guest and Retreat house, to be known as The Chapterhouse, and replacing the former Hedley Lodge. It will have 18 en suite rooms and its own dining facilities for residents, as well as being adjacent to the Abbey Church. You will be welcome to book in for a formal or programme retreat.

The Chapterhouse will be blessed by Abbot Brendan on Wednesday August 27th. at 3.00 when it will be officially opened by Julie Etchingham, the well-known ITV newsreader, a devout Catholic and leading member of the SVP. Ms. Etchingham will also give a talk as part of our Deanery “Horizons of Hope” series.