

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
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SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



Christ feeds the 5,000 from 5 loaves and 2 fish.
Johannes Jacob von Hartmann, c.1700, Bohemia

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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

17th ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat.Jul.27 **Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.**

Int - Roger & Sarah Nichols

Sun. 28 **17th. Ordinary Sunday**
Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 29 **Mass,Weob.10.00-Ss.Martha,Mary,Laz.**

Tues. 30 **Mass,Weob.10.00-St.Peter Chrysolog.**

Wed. 31 **NO Mass, K'ton. - St.Ignatius of Loyola**

Thu.Aug.1 **NO Mass – St.Alphonsus**

Fri. 02 **Mass, Weob. 4.00. – feria**

Sat. 03 **Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.**

Sun. 04 **18th 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.

For the people and leaders of Gaza, Israel, Lebanon
& Yemen, and for the success of all peace
initiatives.

For calm and success in the Paris Olympics.

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: Thomas Tiernan
(S.'92), John Roberts (S.), Violet Kerrigan (Th.'84),
Norah Lawson (Sa.'97).

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.

FURTHER DATES TO HUNGER FOR

Parish Barbecue - Sunday Sept.1st.

Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1st

Longworth Chapel Mass.

This was celebrated last Thursday in the beautiful
restored medieval chapel adjacent to St. Michael's
Hospice, Bartestree. Abbot Brendan of Belmont
led the celebration and about 60 people attended.

The next such event will be at the restored 17th
century chapel at Rotherwas on the Feast of the
Assumption of Our Lady, August 15th, at 3.00.

FIRST COMMUNIONS. P.T.O.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the second book of the Kings (Ch.4, vv.42-44)

Although the gospel accounts of Jesus feeding 5,000 people in the wilderness seems like a unique event in His extraordinary life and ministry, it is not without antecedents in the Old Testament for Jesus' life and works are specifically a fulfilment of the Old Testament. Wherever God is He is feeding His people. The most obvious example in the Old Testament is that of the manna in the desert when the Israelites had no food after leaving Egypt. There are many other individualised accounts in the O.T. but today we have a little-known incident in the life of the prophet Elisha. He is in flight from the King of Israel's enemies and before long all their food runs out and the food in their pot appears poisoned. As if from God, a man comes to deliver them with bread and barley loaves. Elisha tells his servant Gehazi to distribute it to the people. They have more than enough because when God sends a messenger his gift is always super-abundant. . . .

SECOND READING from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ch.4, vv.1-6)

Paul is nearing end of his life and may even be in prison by the time of this letter. ("Prisoner in the Lord" may be metaphorical). Throughout his missionary and teaching life he has been absolutely intent upon unity in the Body of Christ. The key to this is love or charity, selflessness and all the virtues which go with it. We must do all we can to preserve the unity of the Spirit. This means oneness of Body and of Spirit, because we have only one Lord, one hope, one faith, one baptism, all of which mirror the One God and one Father of all.

GOSPEL according to John (Ch.6, vv.1-15)

This week we switch from Mark to John. It is the same story, one of the few to be found in all 4 gospels, which indicates its paramount importance. All four gospels have different emphases and contexts. Matthew, Mark and Luke include the story as part of Jesus wandering pastoral mission: God alone can feed his starving people in the wilderness. For John the story is more didactic and is related to God calling Moses up Mount Sinai to receive the Law. In today's text, Jesus climbs a hill and sits with His disciples. Then John adds deliberately, "It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover". For John this is, therefore, a Passover meal relating to Jesus' death. He blesses the loaves and fish in a Passover action, from which the people conclude that He is "the Prophet (Messiah) who is to come into the world". Unwittingly they try to take action which would have lead to His death.

First Holy Communions.

It would appear that there are a number of children at Kington who are of age to begin receiving Communion. Parents of children who are reaching Communion age should contact Fr. Simon or Sarah Nichols so that suitable preparations can be made.