

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



“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” (Eccles.1-2)

THE PARISH

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Sat.Aug. 2 Mass of Ord. Sun.18, K’ton. 6.00

Sun. 03 Ord. Sunday 18
Mass- Weobley.10.30Z
Int. Kate Williams

Mon 04 Mass.Weob.10.00 – S.Jn.Marie Vianney
* = morning prayer 9.40

Tue 05 Mass, Weob, 10.00- 9eria *

Wed. 06 Mass, K’ton 10.30–Lord’s Transfigurat*

Thur 07 NO Mass –feria *

Fri. 08 Mass 4.00 - St.Dominic *

Sat. 09 Mass of Ord.Sun.19, 6.00pm. Kington

Sun. 10 19th.Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS.

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: Norah Lawson (S.’97), Arthur Albert Allen (M.’56), Arthur Bowden (T.’77), Alexander Salt (Th.’57), Alan Wells (Th.2008), Constance Richardson (F.’68), George McBride (F.2014).

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.

KEEP PRAYING FOR LIFE AGAINST A CULTURE OF DEATH.

1. Against our ever-relaxing abortion laws.
2. for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill.(Local M.P.s: Ellie Chownns voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Please work on Ellie Chownns.

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. PRAYER IS FUN. **NEW ZOOM ID: 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu**

SERMONETTE – THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C

FIRST READING from the Book of Ecclesiastes (Ch.1, v.2 + ch.2, vv.21-23)

“Vanity of vanities”. These first well-known words could equally well be translated as “futility of futilities”. This text echoes the melancholy or entropy of human life. This is a mode of thinking into which many of us retreat when seemingly insoluble problems arise in family, church, society and politics. Gaza, for example. “There’s nothing you can do – nothing I can do”. Yet according to Jewish – Christian belief, God lives in us. Some people everywhere have the power to step out and be ‘crucified’, even though the forces against them appear insuperable, multinational, or too-c lose-to-home. St. Augustine of Hippo wrote: “God is closer to us than we are to ourselves”. The old testament prophets realised this, Jesus and his followers realised this, the saints and good people down the ages knew this, the ‘White Rose ‘ students in Munich in 1943 knew this, Nelson Mandela knew this, Mother Teresa knew this, Alexei Navalny knew this, millions of people today, Christian or not, know this, apparently wicked people know this, we who are members of Christ’s very body know this. Life is not futile, it is not vanity unless we make it so or allow it to become so. “The world is filled with the glory of God.” (Psalm 23/24). Our second reading has the clue.

SECOND READING from Paul’s letter to the Colossians (Ch. 3. vv.1-5, 9-11)

The letter to the Colossians is very much about the theme of our first reading. Christ is no longer simply a good rabbi who died for us on the cross. He is now seated at the right-hand of the Father in heaven. He has not left us but simply awaiting us to join Him in His glory. This glory is assured us if we refrain from all the worldly activities which come between us and him, activities which debase our human and our redeemed condition. We have to remember that in being baptized we have put on a new self, the self of Jesus Christ,; we are no longer just individuals “doing our own thing”. Whatever our nationality we are members of Christ’s Body doing His ‘thing’.

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel of Luke, (Ch.12, vv.13-21)

This gospel passage has echoes of the first two readings and the parable of the Prodigal Son. The passage begins with a dispute over inheritance. Jesus’ answer is disappointing: we should not be concerned about possessions for they lead to covetousness. If we have done well in business and made a hoard we should not devote ourselves to keeping it for this will take over our lives and we will simply forget about God’s promise of the Kingdom.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

Abbot Brendan 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 personal 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th : ‘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 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. **Please sign the list in your church if you wish to come.**

I have drawn up an itinerary available for all. Before we leave perhaps someone could ‘SAT-NAV’ it.

Bring a packed lunch to eat in the parish room at 12.30, then we would leave at 1.00. Also bring a tea-time snack, if you wish. **Hope to be back 5.30 but....**

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