

THE PARISH

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PRAYERS

**Let us remember those in our parish
and friends who are in need of
special prayers.**

John & Vicky Tanner, Graham
Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian
Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah
Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies
Kath Morgan, Frank McNally,
Beverley Fensom, Louise Wright,
Derek Wood, Caroline Dynes,
Rosemary Jackson, George
Richardson.

**For parishioners, relatives and
friends lately dead.**

**For those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time:**

Constance Richardson (Sa.'68),
George McBride (Sa.2014), David
Irwin (Th. 2000), Heather Brown (Th.
2005), Mary Teresa Yapp (F.'52),

**For peoples and leaders threatened
by the greater powers of the world,
especially Iran, Lebanon, Venezuela,
especially the recent earthquake
victims around Caracas, the Ukraine,
Uyghur people in China,**

**For our King, Charles & Queen
Camilla and the Royal Family. Our
Prime Minister, Prime Minister
Andy Burnham and the government.**

**For all the peoples caught up in
wars and disasters: Ukraine,
Lebanon, Iran, and civil wars in
Sudan /Dafur, People everywhere
affected by forest fires + drought.
Moroccan refugees in Ceuta.**

St. Thomas of Hereford, Weobley & St. Bede the Venerable, Kington

PARISH BULLETIN

Sun. Aug. 9th. - Sat. Aug. 15th. - Week Nineteen

First Reading

1 Kings, Ch. 19, vv. 9-13

This story from the prophet Elijah (c8 b.C.) is what theologians call a *theophany*, a 'God manifestation'. Elijah, the greatest O.T. prophet after Moses, has just destroyed the sanctuary of the pagan god Baal in the break-away kingdom of Samaria.

In this he became the enemy of the evil queen Jezebel who had him expelled to the wilderness. It is in his fear and loneliness that God appears to him to reassure him and to renew his mission. But God is not to be found where he might expect, in the storms and earthquakes but, in a gentle wind.

Jesus walks on the water

Painting by Walter Rane (U.S) 2009.



Second Reading

Romans, ch. 9, vv. 1-5.

Paul is convinced of the power and the truth of Christ whom he has met on the road. Now, after all his exploits and punishments he finds himself lamenting over the fate of his own people, the Jews who had everything necessary for salvation but who rejected the Saviour. He still hopes for their eventual salvation.

Gospel

Matt. Ch. 14, vv. 22-33

We saw last week how Jesus, after his long sermon and parables and after hearing of John the Baptist's death, had sought to escape the crowds to pray. But they found Him and He fed them. Now the apostles take off in a boat to the west side of the lake so again Jesus goes off up the mountain to pray. Prayer completed he begins to descend and there's another crisis: the Lake of Genesaret is in storm and the disciples are in the boat. What for it but to go out to them across the water. Impulsive Peter sees him and jumps out and tries to copy Jesus. But his faith runs out and... Well, we know the feeling.

SERVICES AND DATES FOR WEEK 20, ORDINARY TIME, .A

Sat. Aug. 8	MASS OF 19th ORDINARY SUNDAY. Kington, 6.00pm	INTENTION <i>Kington Baptist Community.</i>
Sun. Aug. 9	19th. ORDINARY SUNDAY Mass, Weobley. 10.30am	<i>Sheila Mundy, anniv.</i>
Mon. Aug. 10	<i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i> Mass, Weobley 10.00. <i>St.Laurence, m.</i>	
Tue. Aug. 11	<i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i> Mass, Weobley 10.00, <i>feria</i>	
Wed. Aug. 12	<i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i> Mass,K'ton 10.30 <i>St. Clare of Assisi</i>	
Thur. Aug. 13	<i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i> NO Mass.	
Fri. Aug. 14	<i>Morning prayer 9.40am</i> Mass, Friday 4.00. <i>S. Maximilian Kolbe.</i>	
Sat. Aug. 15	MASS OF MARY'S ASSUMPTION Kington 6.00pm	
Sun. Aug. 16	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY Mass, Weobley 10.30am River flotilla. Vespers @ S.Thomas,	

Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered for any intention, contact Fr. Simon.

Please indicate for whom or what the intention is offered. Envelopes available.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wed. Aug. 5 th .	Prayer for ourselves	St. Thomas' 3.00
Wed. Aug. 12 th	Bible reading group	Parish Rm. Weob. 2.00
Wed. Aug. 16 th .	Assumption of O. Lady. River flotilla	Hay,R.Wye, Weobley, Belm.
Sun. Aug. 16 th .	Vespers of Our Lady	St. Thomas, Weobley 3.00
	Mass	Rotherwas chapel 2.30?
Sun. Aug. 23 rd .	St.John Kemble pilgrimage.	Welsh Newton.Sun.Aug.23

Please continue to pray for the Kington Baptist community who have lost their church on Bridge St. And are looking for a new home.

MARY'S MEALS, For your personal charitable interest, 'Google' this Catholic charity which provides good daily meals to the world's poorest children.

GENERAL NOTICES

National Emergency Briefing. Leading experts and concerned citizens are joining forces to encourage UK decision makers (and ourselves) to step up their response to the escalating climate change and nature crisis. A film will be shown in various communities, and on time to be shown nationwide on TV. At the showings there will be a chance to discuss the film. **The next showing will be 7.30 on August 27th, at Cedar Hall, Dilwyn.** Info. visit www.nebriefing.org

ASSUMPTION FLOTILLA. The annual river procession of Our Lady will take place on the 15th and 16th of August (Assumption). It will halt near Weobley on the 16th and special Vespers will be sung in St. Thomas' church at 3.00pm. Please try to come along and sing. On Monday 17th the monks of Belmont Abbey will sing vespers before the statue, using the historic organ, followed by wine and canapés. Who can resist?

More than human? Reading *Magnifica Humanitas* from *discuss* with Prof Carmody Grey, Chair in Integral Ecology, Radboud University (Netherlands) in dialogue with Dr Austen Ivereigh. Following the interest in Pope Leo's new encyclical, we are delighted to welcome Professor Carmody Grey to discuss Pope Leo's document. **Tues. Aug. 11th.10-12:30 The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey**

'Star of the Sea': An Evening of Gregorian Chant and Organ Music at Belmont Abbey for the feast of the Assumption, **Saturday, 15 August 7pm at Belmont Abbey Church. Tickets £10 include refreshments. To book:**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/monkssoftld/2311155>

Mary through Artists' Eyes: Journey through two thousand years of beautiful Christian art as Abbot Brendan explores how painters, sculptors and iconographers have portrayed Mary and the faith that inspired these works. **Saturday, 15 August 10am-4pm, The Chapterhouse, Belmont. £12 per person for the day. Meals and Refreshments available. To book:**<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/monkssoftld/2270143>

KINGDOM OVER NATION, an ecumenical response to rising Christian Nationalism. Led by Churches Together, this programme presents a biblical and theological grounding to help Christians understand the threat of Christian Nationalism and to see how it differs from healthy Christian patriotism. **WATCH THIS SPACE.**