

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



Faith is the assurance of things hoped for. *Hebr11.1*

THE PARISH

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NINETEENTH WEEK OF YEAR C

Sat.Aug. 9 Mass of Ord. Sun.19, K'ton. 6.00

Sun. 10 Ord. Sunday 19
Mass- Weobley.10.30Z
Sheila Mundy

Mon 11 Mass.Weob.10.00 – *S.Clare of Assisi*
** = morning prayer 9.40*

Tue 12 Mass, Weob, 10.00- *feria **

Wed. 13 NO Mass – *feria**

Thur 14 NO Mass – *St. Maximilian Kolbe **
Special CAFOD Mass at Harvington Hall.

Fri. 15 **ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**
*Holy Day of obligation. **
Mass: 12.00 K'ton, **2.30 Rotherwas**

Sat. 16 Mass of Ord.Sun.20, 6.00pm. Kington

Sun. 17 20th.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. *There will be a memorial celebration for Klaus at the Crown Inn, Dilwyn on Wed. Aug 20, 12.30*

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Irwin (W.2000), Heather Brown (W.2005), Mary Teresa Yapp (Th.'52), John Jones (Sa.'95).

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 Wisdom (Ch.18, vv.6-9)

As it stands this excerpt seems to me quite meaningless and I cannot see why the lectionary composers chose it. However, that may be just me. Written in the first century b.C. when Cleopatra was queen of Egypt and Julius Caesar was on the rampage, it seems to refer to an act of vengeance, real or prophetic, by Yahweh God upon the Egyptians for what they did to His people Israel in the time of Moses, c.1200 b.C..

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Hebrews (Ch.11, vv.1-2 + 8-19)

The Letter to the Hebrews is an astonishing book. Once thought to be the work of St. Paul, he is no longer considered the author. Reading between the lines it would appear to be by a convert from the Jewish priesthood because it frequently refers to the temple cults in order to show how Jesus Christ has superseded all of these by His one sacrifice of Himself. It is a very important letter for understanding the transition from the old to the new testament. Today's reading is taken from chapter 11 in which the author defines faith as "the assurance of things to be hoped for". He then goes on to list all the great characters of faith from Abel to Enoch, to Noah then Abraham with whom our text today begins for he is the father of the nation. The author continues through Isaac, Jacob, Moses, the Judges and up to David and the prophets. They were all heroes of the faith whereby they belonged to God and many suffered terribly for it. Yet, in their lifetimes, they did not see the promised saviour for He is given to us and with us they will reach their perfection..

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel of Luke, (Ch.12, vv.32-48)

Jesus continues with his warning of the lure of possessions. Here we find His famous warning: "Where your treasure is, there is your heart also." He goes on to list as number of wisdom sayings well known to us from the other gospels : "Keep your lamps burning – be ready for the master when he comes." Peter, like us, is not sure if all this applies to him and the other apostles. In Jesus' mind there are no exceptions: whoever we are, if we neglect our duty the master will want a reckoning.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

THIS 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....**

Friday August 15th. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Annual Mass at historic Rotherwas chapel, 2.30
Abbot Brendan chief celebrant and preacher.

Also: flotilla with the statue of Our Lady from Hay on Wye. Times and details, ask Virginia Taylor.

Sunday August 24th. Pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble at Welsh Newton, 3.00pm. Followed by Benediction and (very good) Tea at St. Mary's church, Monmouth. I will take any volunteers, if you wish.

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.

ALL IMPORTANT PARISH BAR-B-QUE. Sunday August 31st. 12.00 noon to 2.30ish
Helpers needed to put up the marquees beforehand. Please contact Frank. 07909 660160
Salads and puddings needed on the day. Please sign the notice in the church.

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