

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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1st. WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C



“If you are Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Christ in the desert, by Briton Riviere. Modern.

THE PARISH

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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

FIRST WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C.

Sat Mar. 08 **Mass of Sunday. Kington 6.00pm.**

int. Justin Neale / Pope Francis

Sun. 09 **1ST. SUNDAY of LENT**

Mass, Weobley 10.30Z

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Mon 10 **Mass, Weob.10.00Z – Morning prayer 9.40 on Zoom.**

Tue 11 **Mass, Weob.10.00Z– Morning Prayer**

Wed 12 **Mass 10.30, Kington.**

Morning prayer, 9.40 Weobley

Thur 13 **NO Mass. Morning prayer 9.40.**

Fri 14 **Mass, 3.00pm, -Morn.prayer 9.40**

Sat. 15 **Morning prayer private.**

Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Sun 16 **2nd. Sunday of Lent. NO Morn.prayer .Mass Weobley 10.30am.**

PARISH BRING AND SHARE LUNCH, WEOBLEY, 12.00 with raffle and quiz. Proceeds to Kington Food Bank. Info and offerings, ring Joan on 01544.327 461

URGENT PRAYERS.

Please pray for Pope Francis, gravely ill in hospital. For Justin Neale, second son of the late Margaret Neale, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour/aneurism week and has been given less than one month to live. Please also pray for his wife, Lilia and daughter Alicia,

OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the people of the United States and the World, especially the Ukraine and Gaza.

That these peoples may have freedom and the means to decide their own future,

For the remaining Israeli hostages that they may be released immediately .

For the extinction of Hamas as a political organisation.

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, Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, Justin Neale, Pope Francis.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:

Pat Walls, Catharine Williams. Graham Simpson

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Helen Sneyd (T.'56), Maurice Edouard Joseph Lambot (W.'79), Charles Morgan (Th.'68), William Harris (Th. '69), Shaunagh Adinsell (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 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 and USA leadership.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER last Friday was beautifully organised. and very moving. It lacked Catholics. See the beautiful displays still in place. Thanks to Patricia, Anne and their team.

“Horizons of Hope”. Abbot Brendan gave an excellent talk on St. Luke's gospel last Thursday at SFX. I am sure it will inspire many to re-read it and to follow it more closely during this year.

LENT COURSE Churches Together in Weobley
“THE STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION” Led by Revd. Philip Harvey, Rector of Weobley.
Exploring the encounters with the risen Christ.
Wednesdays in Lent, 2.30, from March 12th.to April 9th. In St. Thomas' Parish Room.ALL WELCOME!

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Deuteronomy (Ch.26, vv.4-100)

Deuteronomy is the last of the 5 books of the Law. It was written up at a time of religious apathy and syncretism (mixing with other local cults). It was intended to reaffirm the importance of Moses as the recipient of the Law on Mount Sinai and the great leader of the Jewish escape from Egypt. This text demonstrates a temple ritual whereby when you went to make your offering of bread and of fruits of the earth, signifying that Yahweh God has given you your land, the temple priest would take the basket from you in a gesture of offering and you would recite the verse about your father being a wandering Aramean, etc. It is not clear whether this refers to Jacob who first went down to Egypt or to Moses.

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Romans (Ch.10,vv.8-13)

Paul is proclaiming the importance of the word of God which we proclaim. It is no ordinary word in the street; it is our salvation. Above all proclamations come the supreme acknowledgement that "Jesus is Lord". These very words, confessed with the mouth and believed in the heart are our salvation. "With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved". And this is the same for everyone, whether Jew or Greek (Gentile), "for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved".

GOSPEL according to Luke (Ch.4, vv.1-13)

Each liturgical year, A,B and C, begins the season of Lent with the gospel narration of Christ's temptations. This year it is the turn of Luke, different only in details from that of Matthew. The importance of these text as we embark upon our own Lent is to show how for Jesus Christ it was the same as for us, only that it was harder because he had the power to escape. Had He done so He would have failed His Father and His mission... and our salvation.

STOP PRESS:

DAILY PRAYER. Many of you now have ipads. These afford us a great opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of Vatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer of the Church. For those wishing to join, please download a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS'. There you will find the complete prayer of every day and the Mass texts for that day. We will start this prayer, for those who wish, **this coming Monday, March 10th. at 9.40,** before Mass. Check the Newsletter for days and times and changes.