

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF  
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND  
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW**

**TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**



Simon Peter spoke up: “Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the message of eternal life.”

*Indian copy of painting by Massaccio c.1420.*

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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**  
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**20<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.**

**Sat.Aug.24 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.**

*Int - Roger & Sarah Nichols*

**Sun. 25 20<sup>th</sup>. Ordinary Sunday**

**Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –**

**Mon. 26 Mass,Weob.10.00 - feria.**

**Tues. 27 Mass,Weob. 10.00 – St. Monica**

**Wed. 28 Mass,K’ton.– 10.30-Augustine of H.**

**Thu. 29 NO Mass -- Martyrdom of J-Bapt.**

**Fri. 30 Mass,Weob.4.00pm.Eng.women marts.**

**Sat. 31 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.**

**Sun.Sept. 1 21<sup>st</sup>. ORDINARY SUNDAY**

**Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z**

**Fr. Simon will be away from Monday Sept.9<sup>th</sup>.  
until Thurs. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 the people of Kerala (S.India) experiencing**  
**terrible floods with many dead.**

**FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have**  
**love, justice and shelter according to their needs.**

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

**For safety and hospitality for all our**  
**immigrants.**

**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 Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea  
Lavington, Sarah Williams, Gaytree Wrigley, Maggie  
Denaro, Catherine Gaynor.

**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:** Isabel Dominguez  
(M.’94), Asia Fowler (T.), Antonio Peruzza (W.’72),  
Jack Roberts (W.95), Lily ORobertson (Th.), Sarah  
Booth (Th.2000), Ann Jellyman (F.2017), Harry  
Perrott (Sa.), Jack Wilkinson (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.**

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**FURTHER PARISH DATES TO HUNGER FOR**  
**Parish Barbecue, next Sun. Sept.1<sup>st</sup>. Notice P.T.O.**  
**Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1<sup>st</sup>**  
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**Other important events:**

**Weobley Churches Together Harvest Service**  
**SUNDAY. OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>. 11.00. SS.P&P Church,**  
**Weobley. MASS AT ST.THOMAS’ 9.30**  
**HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASSES . Sun.Oct**  
**Both churches, Sat/Sun. October 12/13.**

**C.T. HEALING SERVICE, Kington. Sunday**  
**October 20<sup>th</sup> (St.Luke), 4.00pm. at St. Bede’s.**

## SERMONETTE

### **FIRST READING from the book of Joshua (Ch.24, vv.1-18)**

Joshua, by God's choice, was Moses' lieutenant and had been with him throughout the desert experience. Moses appointed him to be his successor on his death. Religious and political society were not separate in those days (like most Muslim countries today). The countries through which the Israelites moved mostly worshipped other (pagan) gods, such as were forbidden by the Ten Commandments. Nevertheless, many of the Israelites were tempted to follow these local deities so Joshua issues an ultimatum: either you follow the local gods or you follow Yahweh, For time it was very democratic. The people overwhelmingly go for Yahweh. Monotheism is accepted as the norm; the way is open for Christian marriage.

### **SECOND READING from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ch.5, vv.21-23)**

It is common today among more emancipated women in the western culture to dismiss Paul's teaching on women and marriage as being untenable today. But we have firstly to look at the place of common women in Jewish society in Paul's time. Though a few women are recorded as rising, it was always at the behest of men, husbands of power and influence. For the most part the woman's place was more in line with the Taliban view. Greek and Roman freeborn women of Paul's time definitely had it better. However, Paul is actually writing about the place of both man and woman in the Body of Christ. He is not writing infallibly but he is trying to put Christ at the centre of every relationship, especially marriage. It would not have crossed his mind that the husbands might not be head of the relationship as Christ is of the Church but what is revolutionary is that "husbands should love their wives as Christ loved the Church", i.e. totally, "and should sacrifice himself for her to make her holy". "Husbands should love their wives as they love their own bodies (selves)". We know how self-centred men can be, and Paul knew it as well.

### **GOSPEL according to John (Ch.6, vv.60-69)**

This is the final section of Jesus' sermons on the Bread of Life. His words have not been easy for many of His hearers; indeed, they find them "intolerable" and start to desert Him. So he challenges those who remain: "What about you, do you want to go away too?" There is a note of sadness in His question but they have to be free to reject his words. Peter with utter conviction produces the obvious retort: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the messenger of eternal life, and we believe: we know you are the Holy One of God (the Messiah).

## **PARISH BARBECUE – COMING UP NEXT SUNDAY.**

Joan McNally writes:

Parish BBQ: Next Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets on sale from Sat/Sun August 17/18

Tickets: Adults £8, Children £4.

Volunteers to help put up marquees on Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please email Frank McNally [frankryehill@gmail.com](mailto:frankryehill@gmail.com)

Sheets at the back of churches for volunteering salads and puddings.

Help always most welcome to set up and clear away.

Call Joan McNally: 07528 676 760

*Weobley harvest festival: Sun. Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass 9.30*

*Festival service at SSPP at 11.00 followed by lunch.*

### **SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING MOOR PARK SCHOOL, nr.Ludlow**

Moor Park is a high quality Catholic prep school for girls and boys, day and boarding from ages 7-13, with an infants department. The governors (of whom I am one) have just appointed a new Headmaster, **James Duffield**, a devout Catholic, a former pupil and then a dedicated teacher there for over ten years, a man of great energy and devoted to the children. I write this for your information but also because all such schools are under serious threat from the proposed addition of VAT to their fees which are already of necessity very high. The best way to counter this is to be sure of new pupils. So I write in case any of you have grandchildren or children, or know of those looking for such a school, to put them in touch with the school and arrange a visit. - Fr. Simon

**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.**