

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR C



“Strive to enter by the narrow door.” (Luke 13,23)

THE PARISH

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Sat.Aug.23 Mass of Ord. Sun.21, K'ton. 6.00

Sun. 24 Ord. Sunday 21

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

Sheila Mundy

Mon 25 Mass.Weob.10.00 – feria

* = morning prayer 9.40

Tue 26 Mass, Weob, 10.00- feria *

Wed. 27 NO Mass – St. Bernard, Clairvaux*

Thur 28 NO Mass – St. Pope St, Pius X *

Fri. 29 4.00 House Mass, Taylors, Byford. *

Sat. 30 Mass of Ord.Sun.22nd. 6.00pm. K'ton

Sun. 31 22nd. Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS.

For permanent peace between Sudan and Dafur.
And between India and Pakistan.

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 President Trump will observe the rights of Ukraine to their own territory.

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, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Ann Clarke, Julia Evans. John Cochrane.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Sheila Mundy.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Thurston (S), Isabel Dominguez (T.'94), Asia Fowler (W.), Antonio Peruzzza (Th. '72, Jack Roberts (Th., '95), Lily Robertson (F.), Sarah Booth (F.2000), Ann Jellyman (Sa.2017)..

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 Chownes voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Work on Ellie Chownes.

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. Just down-load 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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR C

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Isaiah (Ch.66, vv.18-23)

This reading is taken from the very last chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah, known as the trito-Isaiah. It prophesies of a time after the Babylonian captivity when the kingdom of Yahweh will be restored; restored not only to the people of Juda and Israel but to all the neighbouring peoples who were formerly their enemies or simply unknown to them. Unfortunately, Yahweh does not drive the wills of other kings so that, after a period of rebuilding and comparative bliss other surrounding nations saw the territory of Israel just too inviting, strategically and for its fertility. Sadly, the contest is still going on.

SECOND READING from the Letter to the Hebrews (Ch.12, vv.5-7 + 12-16)

The final centuries before Jesus Christ there came a school of 'Wisdom literature', books of wise sayings to guide the godly through life. Centuries later the writer of Hebrews, himself a convert Jewish priest, takes up the same theme to guide the new Christians in their daily lives in Christ. There is plenty of devout Christian love in Hebrews but the author does not overlook that fact that even the new Christians will not necessarily be self-disciplining.

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel of Luke, (Ch.13, vv.22-30)

Luke's gospel, or rather Jesus, becomes increasingly foreboding in the later chapters. This begins when Jesus turns his journey from the pastoral scenes of Galilee and heads towards the political hotbed of Jerusalem. He knows what awaits Him there but the disciples have no idea. They think they are safe with Jesus in the lead. They are but the safety of the Kingdom is not safety of Capernaum and Bethsaida. Jesus begins to warn his followers that many of their leaders are religiously out of sync with the teachings of the patriarchs and for that reason they will not merit the inheritance of Abraham.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

This 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.

Wednesday. 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. 07909.660 160

Salads and puddings needed on the day. Please sign the notice in the church or contact Joan: 07528.676 760.

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Sunday September 14th. 3.00, at Tintern Abbey. Sung by the monks of Belmont Abbey and the choir of Newport Cathedral. (See posters).

DEANERY ADVISORY COUNCIL. Tuesday September 2nd. 7.00pm.

THE FUNERAL MASS OF SHEILA MUNDY will be celebrated at St. Thomas' church, Weobley, at 1.00pm. on Wednesday September 3rd.

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