

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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**TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME**



“Listen to me. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean” (Mark Ch.7) *Modern picture.*

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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

22nd. ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat.Aug.31 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int - Roger & Sarah Nichols

Sun.Sept 1 22nd. Ordinary Sunday

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 02 Mass,Weob.10.00 - feria.

Tues. 03 Mass,Weob. 10.00 – St.Gregory Gt.

Wed. 04 Mass,K’ton.– 10.30 - St.Cuthbert

Thu. 05 NO Mass -- feria.

Fri. 06 Mass,Weob.4.00pm.- feria

Sat. 07 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 08 23rd.ORDINARY SUNDAY

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

**Fr. Simon will be away from Monday Sept.9th.
until Thurs. Sept. 19th.**

**Annual sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey with
Archbp. Mark and monks of Belmont.
Sunday September 8th. 3.00pm.**

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 of 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: Kathleen Morgan
(T.’80), David Eaves (W.2011), Geoffrey Mundy
(F.2011),

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.

PARISH DATES TO HUNGER FOR

Parish Barbecue, THIS Sun. Sept.1st. Notice P.T.O.
Bring and share Lunch – Sun. Dec.1st

Other important events:

Weobley Churches Together Harvest Service
SUNDAY. OCTOBER 6th. 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 20th (St.Luke), 4.00pm. at St. Bede’s.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Deuteronomy (Ch.4, vv.1-8)

Around the year 3,000 b.C. some great civilizations had come into being. Over the following 2,000 years, many had developed codes of law to govern their religious, social and ethical practices, including health. One of the latest of these was the Law given to Moses on Mount Sinai of which there evolved various editions beginning with Exodus, circa 1250-1230 b.C. There followed Leviticus and Numbers which vary in emphasis according to the sect which wrote them up. Much later, in 630 b.C. came Deuteronomy, inspired by the good King Josiah who perceived that the Law of God had virtually fallen into disuse. Deuteronomy is religiously and culturally more developed than the earlier editions, insisting upon its divine origin over against other codes which had crept into practice. It is written in the name of Moses to give it extra authority. It becomes the yardstick of the people's faith in a time of deep trouble. "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation", the people declare after hearing it read in public.

SECOND READING from the letter of James (Ch.1, vv.17-27)

The Apostle James is shortly acknowledged the leader of the apostolic group, especially after Peter begins his evangelising journeys. James shows himself to be quite strict about the Law. Jesus himself said, "I have not come to abolish the Law but to affirm it." It is James who leads a stand up argument with Paul when the latter returns from his first missionary journey pleading that the Law has no meaning for the Gentiles. James leads the other to composing a scaled-down Law for Gentile converts but Law they must have. The Law has been given not just as a legal code but as a pathway to God's wisdom, something which the Gentiles must share.

GOSPEL according to Mark (Ch.7, vv.1-23)

We move back to the Gospel of Mark, rejoining it at the point where Jesus is beginning to confront the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. The Pharisees were not politically against Jesus, unlike the Sadducees, but they were sticklers for the Law, the Law which Jesus upheld and also kept but they did not. This led to His frequent accusations of hypocrisy. Today He makes that very important declaration the "nothing which goes into a man can make him unclean, so all God's creations are clean. (Did that apply to pork? Well, we will see in the Acts. What is plainly bad and humanly destructive is the vices of the heart which He goes on to list them. Over time the list does not seem to have shortened!

PARISH BARBECUE – THIS SUNDAY.

This Sunday September 1st. Tickets: Adults £8, Children £4.

Help always most welcome to set up and clear away.

Call Joan McNally: 07528 676 760

Weobley harvest festival: Sun. Oct 6th. Mass 9.30

Festival service at SSPP at 11.00 followed by lunch.

Next HEREFORDSHIRE DEANERY "HORIZONS OF HOPE"

The Dignity of being Male and Female. Gender Identity and the Catholic understanding of the Human Person - Fr. Stephen Fawcett, Priest and moral theologian of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Wednesday September 11th. 7.00pm. SFX Church, Hereford. See posters.

CAFOD DAY with Therese Warwick, our local representative. Saturday October 23rd. at Belmont, 10.00.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING DAY. Saturday October ... at Belmont Parish Centre.

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.