

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



“Friend, go up higher.” (Luke 14, 9) by Rembrandt

THE PARISH

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Sat.Aug.30 Mass of Ord. Sun.22, K'ton. 6.00

Sun. 31 Ord. Sunday 22

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

Sheila Mundy

Mon.Sep.1 25 Mass.Weob.10.00 – feria

* = morning prayer 9.40

Tue 02 NO Mass (Clergy deanery mtg.)

Wed. 03 Requiem of Sheila Mundy,
at St. Thomas', Weobley, 1.00

Thur 04 NO Mass – feria *

Fri. 05 Mass, Weobley, 4.00 *

Sat. 06 Mass of Ord.Sun.23nd.6.00pm. K'ton

Sun. 07 23nd. Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS.

For the children and teachers of the school in Minnesota

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

For the immediate release of remaining Israeli H

Ostages. 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, Trisha Carter.

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

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harry Perrott (S.), Jack Wilkinson (S. 1997), Kathleen Morgan (W.'80), Aidan Anthony Mullatt (W.2004), David Eaves (Th. 2011), Geoffrey Mundy (Sa.2011).

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

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' that day. PRAYER IS FUN. NEW ZOOM ID: 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu

SERMONETTE – THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR C

FIRST READING from the Book of Sirah (Ecclesiasticus) (from Ch.3)

The Book of Ben Sirah is a classic piece of Wisdom literature from the time when the Jews resettled in their own land after captivity in Babylon. The prefix 'Ben' indicates 'son of' and Sirah was one of the great wisdom teachers of c.200 b.C. The wisdom books were mainly guides to good living in the eyes of God. In one sense, they were advisory and complemented the books of the Law which were mandatory.

SECOND READING from the Letter to the Hebrews (Ch.12, vv.18-24)

Rather like the first reading, this continuation from Hebrews contrast the harshness and fearsomeness of the features of the Old Law with the welcoming reign of Jesus Christ. We know the author was Jewish temple priest so he naturally sees the new reign of Jesus Christ as being like one great liturgy of glory in which we are caught up with the innumerable angels in the festal gathering of God where all the righteous will be made perfect..

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel of Luke, (Ch.14, vv.1 + 7-14)

Jesus' message today is directed straight at the Pharisees and to all those who have pretensions to a rank in society. It is ironical that He feels it necessary to address specifically the clergy of His day. Nevertheless, it continues to be a problem even among today's clergy. But it is not a clergy problem as such, rather it is a problem for all people of both sexes who seem to need a 'platform' in society, a platform which they can only have at the expense of someone else. Jesus' words indicate the paramount importance of humility and charity: of knowing your place, of being 'grounded'.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

Fr. Simon will be absent, on holiday, from next Sunday afternoon, September 7th. until the following Saturday, September 13th. Any real emergencies, call Fr. Paul at Leominster 07810.006 998, or Belmont Abbey: 01432.374 710

Last Wednesday, August 27th. Abbot Brendan of Belmont Abbey blessed the new Guest and Retreat house at the Abbey, now to be known as 'The Chapterhouse', and replacing the former 'Hedley Lodge'. The Lord Lieutenant was also in attendance and planted an apple tree. The Chapter House has 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 building was officially opened by **Julie Etchingham, the well-known ITV newsreader, a devout Catholic and leading member of the SVP. Ms. Etchingham also joined Austen Ivereigh in a public conversation on 'Faith in the Media' as part of our Deanery "Horizons of Hope" series.**

**ALL IMPORTANT PARISH BAR-B-QUE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST.
12.00 noon to 2.30ish OWING TO THREATENED BAD WEATHER.
Helpers will be 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.**

TINTERN SUNG VESPERS OF OUR LADY.

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.

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD. THE FUNERAL MASS OF SHEILA MUNDY will be celebrated at St. Thomas' church, Weobley, at 1.00pm.

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