

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



The rich man and Lazarus. (Modern)

THE PARISH

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Sat.Sep. 27 **Mass of Sun.26C** K'ton. 6.00

John Cochrane.

Sun. 28 **Mass of Ord. Sun 26, Yr.C**

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

Int: John Cochrane R.I.P.

Mon. 29 **ST.MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

Mass at Belmont 12.00. No Mass here

Morning prayer each day 9.40, courtesy of Zoom *

Tues 30 **Mass,Weob. 10.00. S.Jerome**

Wed.Oct 1 **NO Mass, (Monastery chapter)**

Thur. 02 **NO Mass. Morning prayer ***

Fri. 03 **Mass, Weob. 4.00***

Sat. 04 **Mass of Ord.Sun.27th.6.00pm. K'ton**

Sun. 05 **27th. Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30**

URGENT PRAYERS

For political and social justice in the U.S.A.

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 the accord struck between King Charles, Sir Kier Starmer and President Donald Trump may bear fruit for the whole world.

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

That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.

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, Julia Evans. Tricia Carter, Louise Wright.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Sheila Mundy, John Cochrane, Ann Clarke.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Moulton (S.'75), Ivan Dillon (S.2015), Alice Morgan (M.'69), Harry Morris (T. '58), Fred Ferguson (Th.'95), Keith Foster (F.).

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 Chown's voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Work on Ellie Chown's. House of Lords vote: 33% for, 67% against.

THE FUNERAL OF JOHN COCHRANE

This will take place at St. Thomas', Weobley, on Monday October 6th. at 1.00pm.

His cremation will be at 3.15.

**MORNING PRAYER Monday to Friday 9.40
LIVE OR ON ZOOM**

SERMONETTE – THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C.

Today's first and Gospel readings continue to centre upon social justice, a theme essential to Christianity.

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Amos (Ch.6, vv.1 -7)

Amos continues his tirade against the rich. He paints a graphic picture of the life of the rich, a picture which we can understand today in terms of what we see and read of today's mega-rich. However, his point is to warn these people that they are precisely the reason why Yahweh is going to allow their neighbouring enemies to overwhelm the whole nation. The rich need a sharp lesson and will not stop flaunting their wealth until they are stopped by outside force.

SECOND READING from Paul's first letter to Timothy. (Ch.6, vv.11-16).

Paul continues his letter to his disciple Timothy, whom he has appointed to be the Overseer (*episcopos*) in Crete. Addressing him as "man of God" he exhorts Timothy to be faithful to the vocation which he espoused from the beginning and which he avowed before many witnesses. His model is to be Jesus Christ who confessed His own faith before Pontius Pilate and who has, on account of that confession, been gifted with eternal life and has been glorified as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel according to Luke. (Ch.16, vv.19-31)

This is another classic story from Jesus, as told by Luke, against the greed of the rich. We can probably recall stories in our own times similar to this one of the rich man and Lazarus. We may become enraged until we recognise elements of the story in ourselves. The rich people in the first reading are just the "stinking rich"; the rich man in this gospel story could be any of us as we walk past the needy. Sometimes we may walk past someone in a state of need that we have never had to experience, or sometimes we will stop and feel better for having given them something far less than they really need. It is the end of the story which is quite terrifying: "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets (i.e. the church), neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. And someone has!

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

Huge thanks to Richard Snead-Cox, and Anne and Mike Allen for opening their Tapestry room for our parish barbecue last Sunday. It was a splendid day, greatly enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who brought salads and puddings and to Joan and Frank for organising the feast, and to our redoubtable Chef extraordinaire for making 'woppers' and burgers taste like food from heaven. Thanks to all who came or supported in any way.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL, last Tuesday September 23rd.- see summary notes on the board.

CAFOD HARVEST COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY, October 5th. Please take an envelope today. This collection goes to Cafod's worldwide scope but particularly Were, a farmer from Ethiopia, whose livestock are dying from drought and who is 5 hours walk from the nearest water.

SOLEMN VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS CANTILUPE, sung by the monks of Belmont in Hereford Cathedral. 5.30pm. on Wednesday October 1st. PLEASE COME ALONG.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH. SS.Peter & Paul church, Weobley, next Sunday, October 5th.

Unfortunately, I cannot advance our Mass but we are welcome to the lunch in the church for £10, some of which will go to the

OUR HARVEST MASSES: Kington, Saturday Oct.11th. Weobley, Sunday Oct.12th It would be nice to have some natural products but since most of it goes to the food bank, tins and packets are more appropriate.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORDSHIRE. OPEN MEETING. The Bishop's Palace, Hereford November 12th. 2025, 7.00pm.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK. – See today's Gospel.

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

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