

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

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



“Master, allow us to sit one at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” (Mk.10, 35-36)

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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

29th. ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.
Sat. Oct.19 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int – Pat Roberts

COLLECTION FOR 'MISSIO'

Sun. 20 29th. Ordinary Sunday
Mass, Weob. 10.30Z–int:

**Healing Service 4.00 at St. Bede's. Please make
every effort to come... however well you feel!**

Mon. 21 NO Mass, Weob.10.00Z – Feria
Funeral of Mike Bickers at St.Thomas' 11.00

Tue. 22 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z – Feria

Wed. 23 Mass, K'ton 10.30 – Feria

Thur. 24 NO Mass – Feria

Fri. 25 Mass, Weob. 4.00 – Feria

Sat. 26 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 27 30th. ORDINARY SUNDAY
Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

THINK FOOD BANK: esp. Long life milk and
everything else besides.

**PRAY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE-
EAST. May lasting peace come to Jesus' own
country, and the success of all peace initiatives.**

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

For safety and hospitality to all our immigrants.

**For calm and good sense in the run up to the
elections in the U.S.A.**

For the peoples of Florida devastated by tornado.

**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, Roger
Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea Lavington, Sarah
Williams, Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Pat
Roberts, Kath Morgan..

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Harry Hames, Mike Bickers.

**We remember those of our parish whose annivers-
aries occur at this time:** Thomas Drinkwater (S.'67),
Edward Kelly (M.'46, George Booth (T.'72), Alan
Roy Holland (W.'92), Bridget Patterson (W.'93),
Teresa Pickersgill (F.2008), Bridie Hayes (Sa.2002).

**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.**

**THANKS for all the 'goodies' brought to both our
churches for Harverst Sunday.**

**THIS SUNDAY: Special collection for 'Missio',
The Pope's special charity for world missions.
Please take an envelope.**

**ALSO THIS SUNDAY C.T. HEALING SERVICE,
St.Bede's, KINGTON. Sunday October 20th
(St.Luke), 4.00pm. at St. Bede's**

WEOBLEY C.T. 'QUIET DAY' at Llangasty
**This Monday October 21st. 10.00-4.00. £35 all in,
except travel.. See notices in churches.**
Ring John Simons: 01544.318493

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Isaiah (Ch.53. vv.10-11)

This reading may seem a little out of sequence since it is normally read during Passiontide. However, it is chosen to support Jesus' words to his apostles, mainly James and John, in reply to their request to sit on Christ's right and the left in the kingdom. Have they any idea what attaining the kingdom will mean. How can they? They might have heard Isaiah read in their synagogues but, like us, surely that didn't apply to them! In fact this is one of the most beautiful and chilling prophecies in the whole of Isaiah. It exactly and miraculously matches the final days of the Messiah. Are James and John, are all the apostles, are **we** up to it?

SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews (Ch.4, vv.14-16)

That same Messiah into whom we are baptised turns out to be Jesus, the Son of God, the principal subject the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter is written in the light of Jesus' triumph over all suffering and death. Jesus did not have to go through every kind of pain to be redeemed. Extreme pain is what it is, whether crucifixion, a train crash or novotchok. It is the will to overcome whatever the pain which pleases the Father, remembering that the Father does not inflict pain; we do or it comes with natural decay.

GOSPEL according to Mark (Ch.10, vv.2-16)

What possessed James and John to suppose that Jesus would give them special places in the kingdom? In Matthew it is their mother who pushes them forward (typical!), today in Mark they pluck up the courage to ask themselves, The other apostles must have been furious! Whatever the details, Jesus uses the occasion to tell all the apostles about the fearful prospect ahead of them. Jesus challenges them all with the fearful prospect ahead and they confidently say, "we can". They don't know what is coming! Then Jesus uses the occasion to clarify the differences between the authority of the Father in the kingdom and the common understanding of authority on earth. In their youthful enthusiasm, the apostles think they can do it. Jesus doesn't dismiss them but warns them of the differences. There are no privileges in the kingdom of heaven. He who would be first must be your slave.

NEW MISSALS containing the new lectionary, due to be introduced at Advent, are now available. Hodder have published a new version of the Sunday missal. It looks very satisfactory but they cost £18.99 each. HOWEVER, if we buy ten or multiples of, they will cost £13.00 each. For this offer, please sign the list at the back of your church. These have now been ordered.

-CAFOD COLLECTIONS. If possible please, please hand these in today, following Family Fast Day last Friday. Please remember to sign the 'Gift Aid' form if you are eligible. You can also donate on-line at www.cafod.org.uk. Do please take time to look at our parish website where you will find information about the focus for this year's appeal and links to find out about the wonderful work funded by you generosity.

STILL WANTED URGENTLY. A parish book-keeper and someone to order parish supplies. It could be 2 different people working in coordination. Keith White has carried both these roles in recent years, since the death of Margaret Neill, and we are very grateful to him for this. However, he now needs to stop, so we are looking for someone...

- 1) to record income and expenses, arrange for the payment of invoices, file these, check through bank statements, check the collections and bank these.
- 2) to monitor supplies and order when necessary items such as fuel oil, candles, altar-breads and communion wine.

If you think you might be prepared to volunteer for either or both of these roles, please speak to Joanna (or contact her at joannahelme@gmail.com or tel. 01432 760816).

Keith is prepared to explain fully what is involved in handing over these roles, which I am sure you will understand are essential for our parish.