

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT,



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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

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, Year C

From today we will be using the new Lectionary

Sat. Dec. 07 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00p

Sun.Dec. 08 2nd. Sunday of Advent Mass 10.30

Int. Pat Walls, Tricia's mother

Mon. 09 Mass Weob. 10.00Z –

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Re-opening of the cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris

Tue. 10 Mass Weob. 10.00Z – S.Francis Xavier

Wed. 11 Mass, K'ton 10.30 -feria

Thur. 12 NO Mass

Fri. 13 Mass Weob. 3.00 –feria

Sat. 14 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 15 3rd. SUN. OF ADVENT - Gaudete

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

**Please remember in your prayers Pat Walls, Tricia
Carter's mother, who died on Wednesday, Nov.27.
Please remember Tricia and all her family. Her
funeral will be at Weobley on Thurs. Dec. 19th. 12.00**

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Baruch. (Ch.5,vv.1-9)

Baruch was a disciple of Jeremiah from whom we heard last week. Both have been through the trials and persecution of the Babylonian captivity, both know that God will not renege on His promises. Not only that but both seem to be promising a golden age of freedom, of restoration of the temple and worship. Many

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

**Pray rpeaceful and just elections in Georgia and in
Romania.**

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

For safety and hospitality to all our immigrants.

**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, Sheila Mundy, Catherine Williams,
Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill
Davies, Alethea Lavington, Sarah Williams, Gaytree
Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, Peter &
Wendy Hereford.

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Brian Butler, Pat Walls.

**We remember those of our parish whose annivers-
aries occur at this time:** NickTroels (S.2014), May
Harris (M.'59), John Patrick Gore (W.'53), Doreen
Jones (W.'69), Michael Pullicino (Th.'93), Warren
Baker (Th.2005), Philip Wilkins (Th.2010),

**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.**

**That a humane and Godly outcome may result
from our Parliament's decision on 'Assisted dying'.**

**NEXT SUNDAY; "Watching and waiting", a chance
to reflect on the meaning of Christmas in a service
of Advent readings, poems, prayers and hymns.
3.00pm on Sunday Dec.15th. St. Thomas', Weobley.
Refreshments with mince pies afterwards**

graphic illustrations are used to suggest a new splendour, a splendour which will shine out before all the other nations. The people of Israel will be able to stand in Jerusalem and watch all the captive peoples and even conquerors coming from the east to see God's glory. Every obstacle will be removed from their path: hills will be laid low and forests will provide shade as people of all nations come to see the glory of the Lord.

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Philippians (Ch.1, vv.4 –11)

One has the impression that the Philippians were Paul's favourite community; "God knows how much I miss you, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you", he writes. That is all the more remarkable since Philippi would have been a very largely gentile town, being a Roman garrison. They see always able to discern what is best, a gift which will surely help them on the Day of the Lord.

GOSPEL according to Luke (Ch.3, vv.1-6)

Luke clearly has a mind for historical detail. It is not enough to record the coming of John the Baptist but even to locate it in time by the surest way available at the time, checking it against the notable people his place and time, there being no numerical dating system as yet. There is no other historical record of John the Baptist yet Jesus says of him: "there is no other man born of woman greater than John the Baptist". It is also clear from other records, including the Acts of the Apostles, that John's spiritual influence spread far and wide after his death. He was a great personage.

NEW MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED .

Next in our Deanery "Horizons of Hope" series.

"RECEIVING THE SYNOD"- What it means for the future of the Church.

SECOND SESSION, Saturday January 18th 2025. 'Implementing the Synod;'. Full day. 10.00-4.00. at Belmont Abbey. (Bring packed lunch)

Talks and discussion led by Dr. Austen Ivereigh, official observer at the Synod.

We ask God to bless our new priests at St. Francis Xavier's, Hereford, Fr. James and Fr. John. And also our new Rector of Kington. Rev. Dr. Canon Sally Welch

THIS SUNDAY: WEOBLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday December 8th. 12.45. At Weobley Village Hall.

Cost £10. Pay at the door.

WEOBLEY VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE: Sat. Dec. 21st. 10.45am. Rose Garden.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Service of Reconciliation (Confessions): Kington Sat.Dec. 21st. 5.00pm – 5.45.

Weobley Mon. Dec. 23rd. 3.00pm – 4.00.

Christmas Eve: Tuesday December 24th.

Christmas Mass at Kington: 6.00pm.

Night Mass at Weobley: 9.00pm.

Christmas Day: Mass at Weobley: 10.30

WALSINGHAM: Next Pilgrimage, June Mon.23rd to Fri.27th.2025. Bookings by December 31st. 2024