

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

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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

EASTER WEEK

Sat.Apr.06 **Mass of Sunday**, Kington 6.00pm.
Sun. 07 **2nd SUN OF EASTER**
Mass, Weobley, 10.30Z
Mon. 08 **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD.**
Mass, Weobley 10.00.
Tues. 09 **NO Mass.**
Wed. 10 **Mass, Kington. 10.30 - feria**
Thur. 11 **NO Mass**
Fri. 12 **Mass 4.00pm.**
Sat. 13 **Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.**
Sun. 14 **3rd, SUN. OF EASTER**
Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND
GAZA**

May peace reign in Jesus' own country

**Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change
of the Russian mind.**

**PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights
for women, especially Afghanis seeking sanctuary
in Britain.**

For Peace in the Arabian Gulf.

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

**The people and country of Haiti and all relief
efforts.**

**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, Diane
Howells, Tom O'Brien.

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Pat Buckley, Stephen Booth.

**We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr. Marcellus
Dobson OFM Cap. (F.'57),

**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 government, especially our Prime
Minister, Rishi Sunak. 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.**

The people and leaders of Gaza, Israel & Yemen.

**My most sincere thanks to all who worked so
hard to celebrate our Holy Week and Easter
liturgy this year...**

**Also to all those who sent me cards for Easter
and any other celebration which might have
occurred....**

"HORIZONS OF HOPE"

**Our Deanery series of talks for the church and
the world.**

**Thursday April 25th. 7.00pm. St. Francis
Xavier's church**

"HOW TO SOW PEACE IN A WORLD AT WAR"
**Dr. Maria Power, Fellow of Blackfriars College,
Oxford. Senior Research Fellow in Human
Dignity at Las Casas Institute for Social
Justice.**

SERMONETTE – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Formerly ‘Low Sunday’ after all the high ceremonial of Easter Day, or ‘*Quasimodo*’ Sunday from the first word of the Latin chant (nothing to do with the Hunchback of Notre Dame, a creation of Victor Hugo!))

MASS READINGS

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch.4, vv.32-35).

This short passage and a similar one at the end of chapter 2 are very important for giving us a clear idea of how the first Christians felt inspired by Holy Spirit that they ought to live after Jesus had risen. Their principles are clear as is their rationale but could **we** follow them today? However hard, we should never lose sight of these brief passages as the ideal of Christian living.

SECOND READING from the first letter of John (Ch.5. vv.1-6)

In the mind of John, “the beloved disciple”, living the life of Christ is not so much a matter of **doing** good and holy things but of simply believing that Jesus is the Christ and that He has been begotten by God. It is what Cardinal Newman called “a grammar of ascent”, a contemplative ‘way’. Loving God is keeping his commandments, not as rules but as an adopted and beloved way of life. This love of God through Jesus Christ who overcame the world “with water and blood” enables **us** to overcome the world with all its snares and obstacles. All this is possible because the Spirit is our witness and is living in us.

GOSPEL according to John (Ch.20, vv.19-31)

This gospel reading comes in two parts. It begins with Jesus’ mysterious entry to the upper room where the apostles had gathered in fear of the Jewish people. He immediately imparts to them His ‘Peace’ and gives them His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This is the first instance of Jesus imparting the divine Spirit on any of His people, and who needed Him most if not the bereft group of spiritual followers without a leader or a way. The event fifty days later which we know as Pentecost was clearly a further manifestation for the much larger crowd of aspiring believers of all nations in the public place of Jerusalem.

The second part of this story is mainly of Thomas the apostle who had been absent at Jesus first appearance and refused to believe the other apostles’ witness that Jesus was alive. He declares himself to be the apostle of doubt. This next time Jesus appears when Thomas is present and challenges him to believe. Thomas’ doubts are overwhelmed and he believes, leading Jesus to make the classic last-liner: “Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed.” That is you and me.