

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

**SECOND WEEK OF EASTER *Divine Mercy*
A VERY HAPPY & HOLY EASTER TO ALL**



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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions,
Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.

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SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Sat.Apr.26 EASTER SATURDAY

Mass of the 2nd Sun. K'ton. 6.00 (*int*)

Sun 27 2ndSUNDAY of EASTER,

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z *int. Pope Francis*

Mon 28 Mass, Weob.10.00Z- M.P.9.40Z *St.George*

Tue. 29 Mass, Weob.10.00Z–M.P.9.40Z *S.Cath.Siena*

Wed 30 Mass,Kington 10.30. M.P.9.40Z

Thur.May 1 NO Mass. NO Morning prayer

Fri 02 Mass, Weob. 4.00 9.40 M.PZ

Sat. 03 Mass of Sunday, 6.00pm. Kington

Sun 04 THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

Mass, Weobley 10.30. Leila Wiggins' Bapt

FUNERAL OF JUSTIN NEALE at St. Bede's,
Kington, Wed. May 12th. at 12.00. followed by
burial at Kington Cemetary..

URGENT PRAYERS.

Pope Francis who died on Easter Monday.

Please pray for Justin Neale, who also died on Easter Monday. Please also pray for his wife, Lilia and daughter Alisa,

OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS

The people of Myanmar and neighbouring countries after the terrible earthquake.

For the people affected by the political and financial turmoil emanating from the U.S. government and its presumption of world control. especially the Ukraine and Gaza. That these peoples may have freedom and the right to decide their own future,

For the remaining Israeli hostages that they may be released immediately .

For the extinction of Hamas as a political organisation.

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, Sheila Mundy, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Gaytree Wrigley, Kath Morgan.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Pope Francis, Justin Neale.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Arthur Shirley (T.), Charlotte Lane (W.'53), Robert Doyle (W.'66), Mary Hughes 9(w.2012), Mary Rennell of Rodd (Th.), Anthony Edwards (F.'99), Olwen Gregorie (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 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 and USA leadership.**

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE PENTECOST RETREAT, organised by Weobley Churches Together and OPEN TO ALL. To be led by former Abbot Paul Stonham of Belmont Abbey. Monday May 19th. 10.00-4.30. Sign up in church.

My thanks also to all who have sent me Easter cards and gifts.

SERMONETTE – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch.5, vv.12-16)

Most of our first readings during paschal time are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, relating to a time when the effects of Christ's resurrection are being experienced around Jerusalem and further afield. This beautiful passage, reiterated in Ch.4, gives us a picture of how the very first disciples, men and women, began to live in Jesus' memory and name. They met daily for common prayer. Many were drawn by their example to join them but the ordinary folk did not for fear of the authorities. They worked many "signs and wonders" as Jesus had done among the people, so it was just as if Jesus were still alive among them... which, of course, He was.

SECOND READING from the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) .(Ch.1, vv. 9-19)

The Book of Revelation is written in the style of some of the later prophecies of the O.T. , especially Daniel and Zechariah, known as 'apocalyptic'. It treats of the ultimate mystery of God and His kingdom in terms of visions and dreams. It was written at a time of intense persecution of Christians under some well-known tyrannical Roman emperors, Nero, Vespasian, Domitian and others. The Apocalypse was written by the Apostle, John, when at a great age, from his exile on the Greek island of Patmos in the Aegean. The central figure of the book is the Son of Man, the title Jesus used of Himself. The "seven golden lampstands" in today's text refer to seven of the early Christian communities of which John is about to write an 'Ofsted' report.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John (Ch.20, vv19-31)

This is the memorable text in which the resurrected Jesus appears among His disciples who are sheltering in a room in fear of the Jews. His post-resurrection appearances are marked by the mysterious nature of his arrival and presence. In this case He breathes upon them and imparts the Holy Spirit. Was this a prior Pentecost or John's way of telling the Pentecost story? He also imparts the power to forgive or to retain sins – the foundation of our Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then comes the famous episode of Thomas who was not present at this first encounter with Jesus. Thomas is always the questioning one; this time it is outright scepticism, a scepticism which is broken by Jesus' invitation to Thomas to touch Him. This is too much for Thomas whose scepticism breaks down and he breaks down in worship with those famous words: "My Lord and my God". This elicits Jesus' all-important response: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe". That is us.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

Next Sunday, May 4th, at 10.30 Mass, we will receive in Baptism Leila Wiggins, baby daughter of Mark Wiggins, Philippa Wilmott's son, and Nathalie Lee.

NEXT HORIZONS OF HOPE. Fr. Nicholas King, S.J. on "THE JESUS OF HISTORY" according to Luke. At Belmont Abbey, Saturday May 24th. at Belmont Abbey, 10.00am – 12.00.

DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. Many of you now have ipads. These afford us a great new opportunity in a rural parish to carry out the wishes of Vatican II, that the faithful should join together for daily prayer of the Church. For those wishing to join, please download a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS'. There you will find the complete prayer of every day and the Mass texts for that day. So far, it has gone reasonably well, though 2 different versions of 'Universalis' seem to be in operation. **Check the Newsletter for days, times and changes.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORDSHIRE Wed. May 7th. 7.00pm.

Worship, talks and refreshments at Putson Baptist Church (off Hoarwithy road, Hereford) 41 Webtree Ave. HR2 6HQ. Rd.,

**Speakers: Rev. Lois Beynon, C of E ~Ecumenical Officer,
and Emma Wright, County Ecumenical Officer.**

