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PRAYERS

Let us remember those in our parish and friends who are in need of special prayers.

John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Tricia Carter, Louise Wright, Frank McNally,
For parishioners, relatives and friends lately dead.
Brian Tanswell, Lily Kerr.

For those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Fr. Marcellus Dobson OFM Cap. (S.'57), Robin Snead-Cox (T.'68), Frank Gilfedder (T.2017), Patrick Fitness (W.'71), Margaret Doherty (W.2002), Augusta Malotau (Sa.), Mariella Jennings (Sa.2015).

For peoples and leaders threatened by the greater powers of the world, especially Iran, Lebanon, Greenland, Venezuela, Ukraine, Uyghur people in China, etc., etc...

For our King, Charles & Queen Camilla **and the Royal Family.** Our Prime minister and his government. May they govern with integrity, heeding the religious beliefs and social needs of our land.

For all the peoples caught up in the Middle East war, especially The Lebanon & Iran.

St. Thomas of Hereford, Weobley & St. Bede the Venerable, Kington

PARISH BULLETIN

EASTER WEEK Year A, Sun. April 5th.- Sat. Apr. 11th.

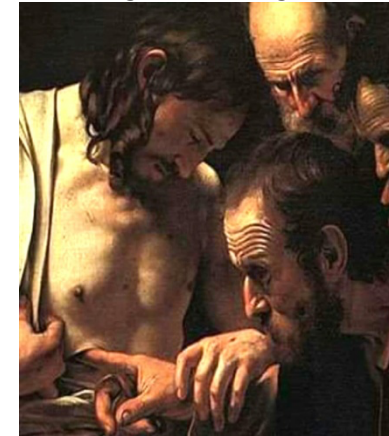
Commentaries are for the morning Mass

First Reading

Act. ch.2, vv 42-47.
This brief 'add-on' to chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles is one of the most important excerpts of the New Testament. Much of the Acts consists of astonishing salvation heroics, mainly by Peter, John and Paul. This brief passage with an equivalent passage in chapter 4, tell us how the earliest followers of Jesus lived in response to His life, death and resurrection. They met regularly for prayer five times a day, and they shared every-thing in common according as anyone had need. How does this measure up with our present-day acquisitive society?

Doubting Thomas

Michelangelo Carravaggio. 1602



Second reading:

1 Peter, ch. 1, vv.3-9
If this letter was written by Peter, the apostle – which some scripture scholars all into question – it shows a remarkable evolution of his faith under the influence of the Holy Spirit. He uses the statement of Jesus in John 4, that we must be “born again”, a favourite of our evangelical brethren when arguing about our Catholic baptism. We are born again to a “living hope”, a transformation of our whole vision of life. We are now guarded by our faith through every kind of trial and our Faith will be tested like gold..

Gospel

John. ch 20 vv.19-31

This is one of the classic gospel stories about faith and doubt. We begin with the apostles hiding away behind locked doors for fear of persecution by the Jews. To, their amazement, Jesus, resurrected, appears to them all and gives them His peace. In a pre-pentecostal moment, breathes the Holy Spirit into them to assuage their fear. And to send them out. Thomas is not there but 8 days later he is and Jesus appears again. Thomas is the apostle of doubt, he has refused to believe... until Jesus appears again and invites Thomas to touch His flesh. Thomas' doubts just disappear. .

SERVICES EASTER WEEK 2, YEAR A

Sat. Apr. 11	Mass of 2 nd . Sunday of Easter Kington, 6.00pm.	INTENTION
Sun. April 12	2 nd . SUNDAY OF EASTER, Mass, Weobley. 11.00 Divine Mercy Sunday	Katharine Drohan Mary Gilbert's mother.
Mon. April 13	NO Mass. <i>Morning prayer 9.40</i>	
Tue. April 14	Mass at Weobley, 10.00. <i>Morn. prayer 9.40</i>	
Wed. Apr 15	Mass at Kington, 10.30 - Feria <i>Morning .Prayer 9.40</i>	
Thur. Apr. 16	NO Mass. <i>Morning prayer 9.40</i>	
Fri. Apr.17	Mass, Weobley 4.00pm.. <i>Morning prayer 9.40 a.m.</i>	Dudley, friend of Tony & Jackie
Sat. Apr. 18	Mass of Third Sunday of Easter Kington, 6.00.	
Sun. Apr. 19	3 rd . SUNDAY OF EASTER	

Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention , please contact Fr. Simon. Please detail for whom or what the intention is offered. It is helpful to have the name and contact details of the offerer. Envelopes available.

NOTICES

NEW – DEANERY NEWSLETTER, bringing together all the local Catholic news in Herefordshire. April issue NOW out on line, incl. all Holy Week & Easter services throughout the county, “Heart speaks to Heart” latest, and Archdiocesan School for Synodality latest.

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART. In response to Archbishop Mark’s invitation that we become a synodal and missionary church which shares the gift of faith through words and witness, the Catholic Deanery of Herefordshire had a very fruitful session this Saturday where we went through many of the preparations for us to become a parish and deanery of the future church. More later.

PARISH BIBLE READING GROUP. Next session: Watch this space.

CAFOD. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the CAFOD Lent collection which totalled £200, plus any who contributed directly to www.cafod.org.uk. In addition, the Lent lunch made £55.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES – GOOD FRIDAY.
Thank you for your generosity. This totalled over £200.

KINGTON CHILDRENS’ LITURGY Saturdays, during Mass in the new parish room, for all children who have not yet had 1st. Communion.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AT WEOBLEY. In the coming weeks we will be exhibiting in the parish room a fine series of painting by our late parishioner, Sheila Mundy, on the theme of the Our Father. These will be for sale as a set or as individual pictures.

EASTER FLOWERS. Thanks to all who gave money for Easter flowers. And especial thanks for those who did the flowers.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION.

THANKS VERY MUCH ALSO FOR ANY PERSONAL EASTER AND BIRTHDAY CARDS AND PRESENTS – Fr. Simon .