

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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SECOND WEEK OF LENT, 2024



Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John. *Modern*

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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

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Sat. Feb.24 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00
Sun. 25 2nd. SUN. of LENT Mass Weob. 10.30Z
Mon. 26 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z. feria
Tues. 27 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z – feria.
Wed. 28 Mass, Kington. 10.30 – feria
Thur. 29 NO Mass.
Fri.Mar. 1 Mass, Weob. 4.00pm. - St. DAVID
Sat. 02 Mass of Sun. K'ton. 6.00pm.
Sun. 03 3rd.SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass, Weob 10.30

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND GAZA
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.

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, Ashleigh Harley, Louise
Wright, Sheila Mundy, Catherine Williams, Claire
Burrows, Betty Price, Sarah Murkin, Diane Howells,
For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead: Pat Buckley.(Funeral Feb.27. 1.00 St.Bede's)

We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Agnes
Dunkley (M.'51), William Ferguson (T.'83), Trevor
Oakes (F.), Lucy Payton (F.'64),

For King Charles III, at this time of concern over
his health, and that he may 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.

For the mother of Alexei Navalny that her son may
rest with dignity.

WHAT! DON'T HAVE A RED BOX YET? ASK ANDY

Huge thanks to all who set up, donated to or
purchased at our parish charity shop last week.
We made a staggering £1,675.35 for Church
funds, which I think is a record. So well done!

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent appeal:

This Lent, your donations will go to help
hardworking people like James the
fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools
and training to stay safe at sea and feed
their families for good. Give today (or next
week) using the envelope or online
at cafod.org.uk and please join us in
praying with James that our sisters and
brothers around the world have what they
need. You can also use our card reader at
Weobley to donate with a debit or credit
card - but please sign the Gift Aid section
attached to the donation envelopes if a tax-
payer. **So far £145.00 collected. Keep it up!**

LENT DISCUSSIONS: Churches Together in
Weobley. Normally Wednesdays March 6, 13 & 20th.
but this week on Thursday 29th ..2.30 in St. Thomas'
parish room, led by Fr. Simon
"Be holy for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev.19, v.2)
KINGTON. Nick and Margaret's group's
first meeting will be on Monday 19th
February at 10-00am to 11-30am

Monday March 4th.2.30. here: Very special
visit and talk to our parish by Pope's bio-
grapher and member of the Synod,
Austen Ivereigh. Don't miss!!!

SERMONETTE – 1ST.SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING from the Book of Genesis (*Ch.22 from vv.1-18*)

Apart from being the Word of God, the Bible is also a book of history, civilizations, other or previous religions and cultures. As a collection of writing it is probably the most valuable source of Mediterranean and middle-eastern cultural history. Today we read of Abraham's attempt to sacrifice his only son, the one God gave to him and Sarah in their old age to fulfil his promises. "Father, we have the wood and the fire for the sacrifice but where is the victim", says young Isaac as they went up Mount Moriah. It is gruesome but I was totally in conformity with the culture of Abraham's people and time. The fact that God intervenes at the last minute, as in a Warner Bros. movie, might suggest to us a fiction. But this story is told to mark a great leap forward in faith and culture from which time the descendants of Abraham no longer practised child sacrifice, unlike their many neighbours and unlike many of Abraham's descendant as they later syncretised with other neighbouring religions.

SECOND READING from the letter of Paul to the Romans. (*Ch.8, v.31-34*) What more comforting words can be found in the New Testament, outside of the gospels? This is one of the chosen texts in the lectionary for use at funerals, and for obvious reasons. Much Paul's letter is concerned with explaining the place of Jesus Christ in the lives of new convert Gentiles and in the lives of those Jews who were prepared to listen. To the main body of Jews, Jesus was an imposter and a heretic. To the convert Gentiles Jesus was new life. If they had come to believe in eternal life and judgment, then who better to trust themselves to than one who actually accepted to die for us and who was for that reason raised up by a just and merciful God.

GOSPEL from Mark (*Ch.9, vv.2-10*)

This gospel reading is out of sequence to shed a prior light on the Easter glory which the apostles were being led to contemplate. The same reading appear with little variation in Matthew, Mark and Luke, the 'synoptic' gospels. The three apostles, Peter, James and John, were obviously as astonished as we are. What is going on? In all those three gospels the apostles are recorded as "frightened". Peter, as usual, does the talking. What were Moses and Elijah doing there? Moses represented the Old Law and Elijah represented the prophets of old. Jesus had come to supersede these. The "high mountain" (Mt.Tabor) is reminiscent of Mt. Sinai where Moses received the Law and Elijah defeated the 400 priests of Baal.

FURTHER NOTICES:

Service of healing prayer, 7,00pm. Thursday Feb. 29th. SFX Hereford
Deanery Advisory Council: 7.00 Our Lady's church, Tuesday March 5th.
Deanery meeting with Archbishop Mark, 5.00 Thursday March 7th.
Followed by Lent Station Mass

MARRIAGE CARE have notified us that their next local sessions for those proposing to get married will be
Caerphilly - Saturday 20th of April 2024
Merthyr Tydfil - Saturday 15th of June 2024

You may not be experiencing critical differences in your marriage but listen for the many who are. Marriage care, though started by Catholics, is non-denominational in its outreach and is reported to be very positive, so why not suggest them to other needy couples.