

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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2nd.WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C



“When they became fully awake they saw His glory and
the two men who stood with Him.”

Giovanni Bellini, c.1490.

THE PARISH

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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

SECOND WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C.

Sat Mar.15 **Mass of Sunday.** Kington 6.00pm.

int. Justin Neale / Pope Francis

Sun. 16 **2nd.SUNDAY of LENT**

Mass, Weobley 10.30Z

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Mon 17 **Mass, Weob.10.00Z – Morning prayer
9.40 on Zoom.**

Tue 18 **Mass, Weob.10.00Z– Morning Prayer**

Wed 19 **NO Mass (Funeral)**

Morning prayer, 9.40 Weobley

Thur 20 **NO Mass.**

Morning prayer 9.40.

Fri 21 **St.BENDICT. Mass, 4.00pm, -**

Morn.prayer 9.40

Sat. 22 **Morning prayer private.**

Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Genesis (Ch.15, vv.5-18)

Sun 23 **3rd. Sunday of Lent. NO Morn.prayer**
.Mass Weobley 10.30am.

PARISH BRING AND SHARE LUNCH,
WEOBLEY, 12.00 with raffle and quiz. Proceeds
to Kington Food Bank. Info and offerings, ring
Joan on 01544.327 461

URGENT PRAYERS.

Please pray for Pope Francis, gravely ill in hospital.
For Justin Neale, second son of the late Margaret
Neale, who was diagnosed with a brain
tumour/aneurism week and has been given less than
one month to live. Please also pray for his wife, Lilia
and daughter Alicia,

OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the people of the United States and the World,
especially the Ukraine and Gaza.

That these peoples may have freedom and the means 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, Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, **Justin**
Neale, Pope Francis.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:

Catharine Williams. Graham Simpson

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries
occur at this time: Gerald Goddard (S.2023), Thomas
Kerrigan (M.'94), Marjorie Doherty (F.'64),

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.

LENT COURSE Churches Together in Weobley
“THE STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION”

Led by Revd. Philip Harvey, Rector of Weobley.

Exploring the encounters with the risen Christ.

Wednesdays in Lent, 2.30, from March 12th.to April 9th.

In St. Thomas' Parish Room.ALL WELCOME!

Special collection, called for by our bishops, for
the National Catholic shrine of Our Lady of
Walsingham which is in dire need of support /
restoration. **NEXT WEEKEND, March 22-23.**

This obscure passage from the Book of Genesis is probably brought in to assert the importance of Abraham among the antecedents of Jesus Christ. Essentially it illustrates how a pact can be made with God: in this case it is God offering a territory for Abraham's very considerable tribe. The ritual illustrated was common among ancient tribesmen. The one wanting the deal would present the relevant sacrificial animals and cut them down the middle. Both parties would walk between them and then the animal would be put together again (not literally). In this case the covenant is ratified by Yahweh God immolating the carcasses, a sign of acceptance and of God's giving the land to Abraham.

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Philippians (*Ch.3, v.17 – ch.4, v.1*)

This is one of a number of passages where Paul has to give himself as an example of how to follow Christ. This is not boasting; it is simply that there are no other examples around except, it would seem, some corrupted Christians who proclaim the name but do as they please. Their minds and hearts remain in this world, whereas "our homeland is in heaven from where comes our Saviour."

GOSPEL according to Luke (*Ch.9, vv.28-36*)

The deeply mysterious event of Christ's 'Transfiguration' occurs in all three liturgical years for there are three versions: Matthew, Mark and Luke. What is remarkable is their similarity: the same disciples, Peter, James and John as witnesses, up a mountain, the 'shining out' (or 'epiphany' of Christ.) the presence of Moses and Elijah representing the Law and the prophets, now to be superceeded', the apostles' astonishment, and then the cloud descending from which Jesus is declared, as at His baptism, "This is my Son. Listen to Him." This event is so important that it is repeated as a feast on August 6th. It is also deeply popular with the Eastern churches with their more mystical 'take' on the appearances of Jesus.

STOP PRESS:

Coming up.

JUBILEE YEAR DEVOTIONS

To mark this Jubilee Year, churches in the Herefordshire Deanery will be holding a relay of devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, for 3 hours in each church beginning with Weobley. Our date is **Friday March 28th**. with Mass at 3.00 and devotion continuing until 6.00pm. Please try to come along for part or all of this special day.

LAETARE SUNDAY – Mothering Sunday. March 30th. Abbot Brendan will be principal celebrant at our Mass in Weobley that day. (An evening for him to come to Kington will be arranged later).

DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. Many of you now have ipads. These afford us a great 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. We started last Monday and all was well until Tuesday when someone came in with the latest version of Universalis which uses the new translation!!! Anyway, we managed because the structure was the same. So we will continue this week. **Check the Newsletter for days and times and changes.**