

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

THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



“Son of David, have pity on me!” Reichenau gospels 10c.
(Mk.10, 47)

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The Website:www.thomasandbede.com Go to the
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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

30th. ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat. Oct.26 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int – Pat Roberts

Sun. 27 30th. Ordinary Sunday

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z–int:

Mon. 28 Mass, Weob.10.00Z– SS.Simon & Jude

Tue. 29 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z – Feria

Wed. 30 Mass, K’ton 10.30 – Feria

Thur. 31 NO Mass – Feria

Fri. Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS Hol.oblig.

Masses K’ton 12.00 Weob. 3.00 – Feria

Sat. 02 All Souls. Mass Weob. 10.00

Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm. Fr.Jonathan

Sun. 03 31st. ORDINARY SUNDAY

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

Choral Concert of music of Durufle, Belmont 7.30
Choir of Stasio Sliwka. Sat Nov.02. see Fr.Simon.

THINK FOOD BANK: esp. Long life milk and
everything else besides.

**PRAY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE-
EAST. May lasting peace come to Jesus’ own
country, and the success of all peace initiatives.**

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

**PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights
for women**

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

For safety and hospitality to all our immigrants.

**For calm and good sense in the run up to the
elections in the U.S.A.**

For the peoples of Florida devastated by tornado.

**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, Roger
Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea Lavington, Sarah
Williams, Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Pat
Roberts, Kath Morgan..

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Harry Hames, Mike Bickers.

**We remember those of our parish whose annivers-
aries occur at this time:** Thomas Tanswell (S.2006),
Rosemary Joann Holland (W. ’85), Josephine Wise
(F.), Gladys Shirley (Sa.2002), Michael Cox (Sa.2012)

**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 new 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 leadership.**

**Please hand in any further donation to ‘Missio’
today. The Pope’s special charity for world
missions. Please take an envelope.**

CAFOD You will be only too aware of the
humanitarian disaster taking place in the Middle East
and will probably have seen appeals for help from the
Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) of which
Cafod is a member. We know that you have only
recently responded generous-ly to the Harvest Day
appeal but the situation in the Middle East is getting
worse and we are being asked to help Cafod’s Caritas
partners in Lebanon, Gaza and the wider region who
are best placed to actively respond with water, food
and shelter for families who have lost so much. There
will be a special collection after masses on the 3rd and
4th November or you can donate online
at www.cafod.org.uk Do remember to Gift Aid your
donation if you can.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Jeremiah (Ch.31. vv.7-9)

In the age of the great prophets (c.1000-150 b.C.) they were Yahweh's mouthpieces. They told what God inspired them to say. Like anyone speaking out in God's name today, they were not very popular because they were committed to telling it "how it is". We don't always want to know that; we prefer 'fake noos'. Jeremiah's span covered the time when the oppressed Jewish people wanted to down to Egypt rather to Babylon. This the prophets understood to be against God's wishes. After all, He had originally delivered them from slavery in Egypt. So the Jews endured 70 years of harsh captivity in Babylon until finally relieved by Cyrus, King of the Persians. In today's text Jeremiah who led them to Babylon in misery but as the only safe option, is now proclaiming the new freedom and how the people must rejoice in Yahweh's delivery and the new life He is offering them.

SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews (Ch.5, vv.1-6)

The author of Hebrews is probably an ex-priest from the temple cult. This we can tell from his obvious familiarity with the vocation and rituals of the Jewish priests. As this letter proceeds, we see that he comes more and more to see that the old priesthood is now irrelevant because Jesus Christ has superseded it all. In order to be a priest one had to come from the people and have complete empathy with them, understanding their weaknesses. This Jesus Christ, who was of no priestly line, did to the supreme degree. Jesus has his priesthood from none other than the ancient priesthood of Melchizedek, the mysterious fore-runner of all priests who appeared to give blessing our father Abraham.

GOSPEL according to Mark (Ch.10, vv.2-16)

Jesus is making his way down from the northern territories (the 'Decapolis or 'ten towns' where He challenged his apostles to tell him who they thought He was. Jericho was and still is a bustling market town at the head of the Dead Sea. A blind beggar, Bar (*Son of*) Timaeus is not going to miss this opportunity. We have another of those occasions where the disciples are deciding whom Jesus should see. "Not him!". Jesus cuts right across them: "Call him here." As if he were going to meet a film star, the man "jumps up" – he probably didn't realise he had it in him. Though it might have seemed obvious, Jesus always asks what people want. The request must come from them. "Rabbuni, let me see again" (suggests that he did once have sight). He gets up and follows Jesus... What, all the way. In Mark this is last miracle event before Jesus goes to Jerusalem and asks his disciple to prepare for his 'triumphal' entry..

NEW MISSALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD BE HERE BEFORE ADVENT

-CAFOD COLLECTIONS. If possible please, please hand these in today. Please remember to sign the 'Gift Aid' form if you are eligible. You can also donate 'on-line' at www.cafod.org.uk. Do please take time to look at our parish website where you will find information about the focus for this year's appeal and links to find out about the wonderful work funded by your generosity.

STILL WANTED URGENTLY. A parish book-keeper and someone to order parish supplies. It could be 2 different people working in coordination. Keith White has carried both these roles in recent years, since the death of Margaret Neill, and we are very grateful to him for this. However, he now needs to stop, so we are looking for someone...

- 1) to record income and expenses, arrange for the payment of invoices, file these, check through bank statements, check the collections and bank these.
- 2) to monitor supplies and order when necessary items such as fuel oil, candles, altar-breads and communion wine.

If you think you might be prepared to volunteer for either or both of these roles, please speak to Joanna (or contact her at joannahelme@gmail.com or tel. 01432 760816.

Keith is prepared to explain fully what is involved in handing over these roles, which I am sure you will understand are essential for our parish.