

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



“Master, which is the first of all the commandments?”
(Mk.12, 28)

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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

31st. ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat. Nov.02 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int – Pat Roberts

Sun. 03 31st. Ordinary Sunday

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z–int:

Mon. 04 Mass,Weob.10.00Z–S.Charles Borromeo

Tue. 05 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z – Feria

Wed. 06 Mass, K’ton 10.30 – S.Illtud

Thur. 07 NO Mass - Feria

Fri. 08 Mass Weob. 3.00 – Feria

Sat. 09 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 10 32nd.ORDINARY SUNDAY

Mass Weobley 9.30am.Z

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

**Brown envelopes for November Mass intentions
and offerings are now in the churches.**

**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 the area of Valencia, Spain after
the terrible floods.**

**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, Stella Hurdidge.

**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:** William Bailey (T.),
Frederick Ponsford (W.), John Byrne (W.’79), Betty
Elliot-Smith (Th.), Dorothy Ena Jardine (Th.’95),
Mary Banks (F.2005), Eddy Dillon (Sa.)

**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.

**RED BOXES NOW DUE. Please bring to church or
give to Andrew.**

CAFOD COLLECTION TODAY. 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. .Conscious of your
generosity to date, we could never have envisaged the
scale of the current disaster, so we call again upon
that generosity.

**LOOKING FORWARD: Our Parish Advent Service
will be at 3.00pm on Sunday Dec.15th. Weobley**

**WALSINGHAM: Next Pilgrimage, June Mon.23rd
to Fri.27th.2025. Bookings by December 31st.2024
Licensing of new Vicar of Kington. Rev.Canon
Dr.Sally Welch Mon Nov.25th. 7.00pm.**

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Deuteronomy. (Ch.6.vv.2-6)

Deuteronomy was the last book of the 'Old Law'. It is here we find that summary of prayer still pronounced by pious Jews today to begin any prayer: "Hear O Israel: the Lord your God is one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your might." This is the standard and yardstick of all true prayer. Would that we Christians had also adopted it, though we can in private. If you obey this law, the text continues, you will have a long life and see your childrens' childrens' children.

SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews (Ch.7, vv.23-28)

The author of Hebrews is probably an ex-priest from the temple cult. Having spoken last week about the priests of the Old Law, still active at this time of writing, he now introduces Jesus Christ as a one unique priest of the New Law. The priests of the Old Law had no power to save; they could only carry out the preliminary rituals of salvation like sacrifices for sin. What we need is a priest with the very perfection of God, holy, innocent and uncontaminated by the world. He alone can offer the only sacrifice worthy and pleasing to God, that is Himself, and because He is in Himself perfect, untainted by the world, His sacrifice of Himself is always acceptable to His Father on behalf of all the sins of the world.

GOSPEL according to Mark (Ch.12, vv.28-34)

Now the Scribes come to Jesus, men well versed in the Law but often harbouring evil intent towards Jesus on account of his irrefutable teaching and the fact that He was not one of them. Is this another trick question? It is difficult to know but Jesus is well able to answer it from the words of Deuteronomy, and even offering a very important addition from Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour as yourself". Okay, so what about all the sacrifices and sin offerings? Well, actually the scribes were not very keen on these either. They were for the Sadducees and the priestly caste which Jesus clearly was not. But in answering in this way, Jesus is clearing the way for His own Sacrifice to the Father, not another ritual but a whole naked self-offering at our demanding and for our salvation.

NEW MISSALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD BE HERE BEFORE ADVENT

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.

ADVENT 'BRING AND SHARE' LUNCH – SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st.

At St. Thomas' Parish Room, Weobley. 11.45 for 12.00 noon

- * **Bring a dish to share : savoury or sweet.**
- * **Fun Quiz and Raffle.**
- * **Proceeds to the Hereford Open Door**
 - **The Homeless Charity for Hereford.**

Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you are coming:

This helps greatly with preparations.