

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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THIRD ORDINARY SUNDAY Year C



Jesus teaching in the synagogue of Nazareth

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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions,
Weobley Mass celebrated at Kington will NOT be
Zoomed.

THIRD WEEK OF YEAR C

Sat. Jan.25 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.
Sun.26 3rd. ORDINARY SUNDAY

Int. Catharine Williams

Mon	27	Mass
Tue.	28	NO Mass – Fr. Simon away
Wed.	29	NO Mass “ “
Thur	30	NO Mass
Fri.	31	Mass 3.00pm (Venue to be decided)
Sat. Feb.01		Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.
Sun.	02	LORD'S PRESENTATION Candlemas Mass at <u>Kington</u> 10.30 am.

John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro,
Vivian Brooke, Sheila Mundy, Claire Burrows, Sarah
Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea Lanington,
Sarah Williams, Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Kath
Morgan,

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:

Pat Walls, Catharine Williams..

**We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries
occur at this time:** George James (M.'58), Ellen Morris
(T.), Mary Ferguson (T.'78), Norman Burrows (T.2018),
Carol Brown (W.2015), Samuel Edwards (F.'55).

**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.

CATHARINE WILLIAMS R.I.P.

**Catharine's Requiem Mass and burial will be at
Belmont Abbey on Saturday February 1st beginning
at 12.30**

**REFURBISHMENT OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
WEOBLEY**

**This is now well under way and we are aiming to
reopen the church for Mass on Sunday February
9th**

**Meanwhile, there will be no Masses at Weobley on
Sunday Feb. 2nd. Details please see the website.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This Monday, Jan. 27th. at St. Bede's, Kington, 7.00
Abbot Brendan will join us for this meeting.
**We have a full agenda but if you have anything
crying out for mention, please contact Tricia on
01568.708 723**

**Thanks to all who came to from our parish to
Austen Ivereigh's talk at Belmont last Saturday.**
Keep your eyes glued for further exciting events

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the Book of Nehemiah (*Ch.8, vv.2-10*)

We don't often have readings from Nehemiah; partly because the book is short and because its message is mainly historical. Nehemiah was the leader or satrap sent by King Cyrus of Persia after he had relieved Israel from captivity in Babylon. He was a wise choice and he in turn chose Ezra to be his High Priest in the temple now being restored. Today's passage shows Ezra proclaiming the Law to the whole people of Jerusalem and around to re-establish the cult of Yahweh after 70 years of neglect and idolatry. The people Ezra was proclaiming to were a mixed bag of devout exiles from Babylon, a less devout crowd of those who stayed behind and never went to Babylon because they were considered useless, and some foreign dwellers of Jerusalem. The Law was to be read to the people in its entirety so that no one would be left in ignorance and all would share the same code of religious conduct to unify the people. The people were weeping with emotion and recrimination but Nehemiah tells them that this is a great day of celebration and to have a party.

SECOND READING from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (*Ch.12,vv.12-20*)

This one of Paul's most famous passages in which he draws an analogy between the Body of Christ and our human body. Just as the parts of our human body all work together or our activities fail, so too in the Body of Christ all the parts work together for the common good. If we are baptised into the Body of Christ then we cohere with each other to form one common bond of thought and activity. This appears to be an entirely new concept by Paul to give the deepest meaning and purpose to our belonging to each other in Christ. Once in the Body through Baptism, we cannot dissent from our mutual activities whereby the Body of Christ works together for the common good.

GOSPEL according to Luke (*Ch.1, vv.1-4 & ch.4, vv.14-21*)

This passage is in two parts; the first is Luke's introduction to his friend Theophilus, then we jump to chapter 4, skipping out the infancy narratives which we read over Christmas. Today, Jesus makes his appearance as a young rabbi, baptised by John and ready for action. Jesus takes up the scroll of the Law and the prophets and the passage for the day happened to be the call of Isaiah with which Jesus identifies in relation to His future mission. As important as the text is the reaction of the people who all realise that this is no ordinary preacher. Their eyes were fixed on Him. Jesus observes this as a sign from His Father concerning His future mission.

Further notices...

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