

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus calls His first disciples,
by Lorenzo Veneziano, c.1370

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SERVICES – THE THIRD WEEK OF YEAR A.

Sat. Jan.24 Mass of Sun.3 in Ord. time K'ton 6.00
Sun. 25 3rd. ORD. SUNDAY.

Mass. Weob.10.30 + Pastoral Letter
Int. Frank Keating R.I.P.

Mon.	26	Mass 10.00 Weob.- Feria
Tue.	27	Mass, 10.00 Weob - Feria
Wed.	28	NO Mass –S.Thomas Aq.
Thu.	29	NO Mass
Fri.	30	Mass, Weob. 3.00 – Feria
Sat.	31	Mass of the 4 th .Ord. K'ton 6.00pm.
Sun. Feb 01		4 th .ORDINARY SUNDAY, YEAR A. Mass, Weobley 10.30

URGENT PRAYERS

ALL PEOPLES THREATENED BY THE
GREATER POWERS OF OUR WORLD.

For the people of Greenland, Venezuela, Cuba and
Taiwan (to name a few)..

For the people, mostly young, killed or injured in
the dance hall conflagration in Switzerland.

For a miracle in Ukraine to save the country for its
own people.

For the victims of two train crashes in Spain.

That our young people will be drawn away from
every kind of crime and violence, and drawn to a
commitment to good deeds.

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, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols,
Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Tricia Carter, Louise
Wright, Kim Williams, Frank McNally, .

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead: Roger Kerrigan, Brian Tanswell. Chris Breen,
Bob Best..

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

For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May
they always set the highest standards of leadership
for our country. We pray for our government,
especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer
and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity
following the religious beliefs and social needs of
our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the
other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski
of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.

PARISH BIBLE READING GROUP (*lectio divina*)

Started last Wednesday and will run every 2 weeks
at 2.00pm in the Parish Room, Weobley.

NEXT MEETING WED. Feb. 4th^t. Info: Contact
Andy Palfreman (palfremanandy@gmail.com) or
see Fr. Simon

Subj. Paul's letters to the Thessalonians

THE COMMUNITY SHOP

Our booking for the Community Shop in Kington
this year will be from 9.00 am. Wednesday Feb.
11th. until Tuesday 17th. Setting up: evening of
Tues 10th. Please empty your cupboards,
wardrobes, garden sheds, garages, etc.
PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU CAN HELP SERVE.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

THIS Monday, Jan 26th. 7.00pm. St. Bede's,
Kington. See Tricia or Fr. Simon if you have any
AOB.

SERMONETTE FOR THE THIRD ORDINARY SUNDAY OF YEAR A.

TODAY, WE HAVE PASTORAL LETTER FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP

The last two Sundays have concentrated mainly on the Prophet Isaiah, on John the Baptist and on the baptism of Jesus. Today we learn why Jesus was baptised and what his mission was: “Jesus began to preach, saying: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’”. Jesus came to bring His Father’s Kingdom to us!’

FIRST READING: from the prophecy of Isaiah *(from Ch.9)*

We are familiar with this reading from our Advent readings. Then it was referring to the birth of a divine child into a world of darkness and sin. Now that child is a young man and the same readings take on a greater pertinence. However, that was a prophecy and a prophecy which would never run dry. The people who walked in darkness did indeed see a great light, many lights; but one by one they were snuffed out. But the promise is now to remove the yoke from the neck of the people and to break the rod of the oppressor. Unfortunately, these oppressors keep coming but the Lord will stay with His people.

SECOND READING: from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians *(Ch.1 vv.10-13)*

Sometimes the enemy is not from outside but is from within. Today, we live in a world with many different religions and many different responses to Christ. That cannot be the perfect way. With frustration, Paul writes today that ‘twas ever thus. Just as he is trying to preach a Christ of divine unity, its members are all proclaiming petty divisions. This cannot be the will of Christ Jesus. Indeed, the more we divide the more the message of Christ is weakened.

GOSPEL: from the Gospel of Matthew. *(Ch.4, vv.12-23)*

Baptised and ready to go, Jesus sets off on His mission to bring the Kingdom of God His Father to all the people. But He can’t do it on His own. He needs strong disciples. Where better to start looking but on the shores of the very sea which is at the centre of the Galilean food chain. Local uncomplicated fishermen, dedicated workers are just what he needs. They drop everything for Him and the mission has begun; the greatest mission the world has ever known.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

HEALING SERVICE. Fr. Michael Clothier of the Community of St. Gregory (formerly Downside Abbey) at Belmont will hold a monthly healing service at Belmont Abbey to which all are invited. The next one will be on Friday February 6th at 5.30pm. It will be conducted in the context of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and Reconciliation (Confessions) will also be available.

NEXT ‘HORIZONS OF HOPE’

HUMAN DIGNITY AND WHY IT MATTERS. Talk by Prof. John Loughlin of Blackfriars, Oxford, and Emeritus Professor of European Politics at Cardiff University. Belmont Abbey, Sat. Feb. 21st. 10.00 – 12.30.

DON’T FORGET THE FOOD BANK Lots of cold, underfed people around).

START YOUR DAY WITH MILLIONS THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD WITH “PRAYER OF THE CHURCH”. Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri. 9.40 on Zook. See number on page 1.
