

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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THIRD WEEK OF EASTER



Simon, Son of John. Do you love me? *John, ch.21.*

THE PARISH

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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions, Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.

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THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Sat.May 3 *Feast of Apostles Philip and James*

Mass of the 3rd Sun. K'ton. 6.00 (int

Sun 04 **3rd.SUNDAY of EASTER,**

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z int. Pope Francis
with Baptism of Leila Wiggins

Mon 05 **NO Mass, feria M.P.9.40Z**

Tue. 06 **Mass, Weob.10.00Z- feria M.P.9.40Z a**

Wed 07 **Mass,Kington 10.30. feria M.P.9.40Z**

Thur. 08 **NO Mass. Morning prayer 9.30Z**

Fri 09 **Mass, Weob. 4.00 feria M.P.9.40Z**

Sat. 10 **Mass of Sunday, 6.00pm. Kington**

Sun. 11 **FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

Mass, Weobley 10.30.

FUNERAL OF JUSTIN NEALE at St. Bede's,
Kington, Wed. May 12th. at 12.00. followed by
burial at Kington Cemetary..

URGENT PRAYERS.

Pope Francis who died on Easter Monday.

Please pray for Justin Neill, who also died on Easter Monday. Please also pray for his wife, Lilia and daughter Alisa,

OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS

The people of Myanmar and neighbouring countries after the terrible earthquake.

For the people affected by the political and financial turmoil emanating from the U.S. government and its presumption of world control. Especially in the Ukraine and Gaza. That these peoples may have freedom and the right to decide their own future,

For the remaining Israeli hostages that they may be released immediately .

That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas begin working together for the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians.

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, Kath Morgan.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead: Pope Francis, Justin Neill.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Riddell (S.'65), Teresa Victoria Lowe (M.'95), Rupert Gudge (M.'98), Philip Boylan (T.), Thomas Burton (T.), Celestino Nazzari (Th.2013), Mary Snead-Cox (Fr.'59), James Goodwin (Sa.), Mary Barnet (Sa.'82).

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.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE
PENTECOST RETREAT, organised by Weobley
Churches Together and OPEN TO ALL. To be led
by former Abbot Paul Stonham of Belmont Abbey.
Monday May 19th. 10.00-4.30. Sign up in church.

SERMONETTE – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch.5, vv.27b-32+40b-41)

This reading marks a turning point in the mission of the apostles. The Sanhedrin naturally cannot grasp that the mission and teaching of the apostles, including their miracles are directly from God. Jesus said that their eyes would be closed and He was right. But the popular conviction about Jesus and His followers is growing exponentially and little by little the crowd is siding with the apostles. The obvious solution for the High Priests would be to do as they did to Jesus: find a charge against them and have them killed. But it is too late. They are now 'on the run'. They can't touch the apostles for fear of the crowd so they go through the motions of punishing them which simply emboldens the apostles. Next it is the turn of King Herod. See next week's exciting episode.

SECOND READING from the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) (Ch.5, vv.11-14)

Contrary to my prediction last week of reading John's 'Ofsted' of the new 3 churches in Asia-Minor, the lectionary skips them and goes to the central theme of the book, the revelation of the Lamb of God enthroned in heaven surrounded by every kind of creature in worship. Our text will return to the Lamb in more splendour in later chapters.,

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John (Ch.21, vv1-19)

A further post-resurrection episode with Jesus. The apostles go back to work on the fishing boats on the Sea of Tiberias. Then Jesus appears and rather pre-empts their efforts by providing a miraculous draft of 153 big fish. That is a symbol of their future mission as "fishers of men". Then a cosy breakfast scene is rather spoiled for Peter whom Jesus challenges about his love for Him. Perhaps this is John's version of Matthew's "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church. At that Peter might have been astounded but today's text would be deeply worrying: "Simon, Son of John, do you love me? The "do you love me more than these". A strange challenge but don't forget that Peter recently denied Jesus. Finally Jesus prophesies how Peter will die. It is a moving moment and very sad, but very true.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

ANNUAL TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

BELMONT ABBEY, Wednesday May 14TH. 9.00PM.

Refreshments available from 6.00pm. Preacher: Abbot Brendan Thomas.

NEXT HORIZONS OF HOPE. Fr. Nicholas King, S.J. on "THE JESUS OF HISTORY" according to Luke. At Belmont Abbey, Saturday May 24th. at Belmont Abbey, 10.00am – 12.00.

DAILY PRAYER HAS NOW STARTED. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. Many of you now have ipads.

These afford us a great new 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. So far, it has gone reasonably well, though 2 different versions of 'Universalis' seem to be in operation. Check the Newsletter for days, times and changes.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORDSHIRE Wed. May 7th. 7.00pm.

Worship, talks and refreshments at Putson Baptist Church (off Hoarwithy road, Hereford) 41 Webtree Ave. HR2 6HQ. Rd.,

Speakers: Rev. Lois Beynon, C of E ~Ecumenical Officer, and Emma Wright, County Ecumenical Officer.

REMEMBERING ST. JOHN KEMBLE Saturday May 10th. 2.00-4.00pm. at St. Francis Xavier Church Hall.

A talk of the life, times and death of our local saint. See the poster.