

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

4th.WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C



“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I no longer deserve to be called your son.”

THE PARISH

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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

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C.

Sat Mar.29 Mass of Sunday. Kington 6.00pm.

int. Justin Neale & Our Mothers

**Sun. 30 4th. SUNDAY of LENT: “Laetare”
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Mass, Weobley 10.30Z

Int. Justin Neale and our Mothers.

Mon 31 Mass, Weob.10.00Z

Morning prayer 9.40 on Zoom.

Tue, Apr. 1 Mass, Weob.10.00Z–Morning PrayerZ

Wed 02 Mass, Kington 10.30.

Morning prayer, Weobley, 9.40Z

Thur 03 NO Mass.

Morning prayer 9.40.Z

Fri 04 Mass,Weob.4.00pm Morn.prayer 9.40

Sat. 05 NO Morning prayer.

Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun 06 5th. Sunday of Lent.

Mass Weobley 10.30am. NO morn.pr.

URGENT PRAYERS.

Please pray for Pope Francis, and for Justin Neale, diagnosed with a brain tumour: has been given less than one month to live. **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 of the United States and the World, especially the Ukraine and Gaza.

That these peoples may have freedom and the means to decide their own future,

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

For the extinction of Hamas as a political organisation.

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, Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, **Justin Neale, Pope Francis.**

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:

Garry Griffiths (devoted church warden of SS.P& P, Weob.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries

occur at this time: Marjorie Hughes (M.'93), Charlotte

Lane (T.), Edward Fischer (T.'94), Pope John Paul II

(W.2005), June Dragosz (W.2015), Richard Arthur (Th.'96),

Joan Lloyd (Th.2001), Gordon Parrott (F.'79), Sr.Mary

Hilary OSB (Sa.2007).

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.**

LENT COURSE Churches Together in Weobley

“THE STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION”

Led by Revd. Philip Harvey, Rector of Weobley.

Exploring the encounters with the risen Christ.

Wednesdays in Lent, 2.30, from March 12th.to April 9th.

In St. Thomas' Parish Room.ALL WELCOME!

Next “HORIZONS OF HOPE” talk this coming

Saturday, April 5th. 10.30 at Belmont Abbey.

“Telling our Stories” – How we witness to our

faith.by Dr. Jordan Pullicino, Lecturer in Pastoral Theology at Oscott College, Birmingham.

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.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Joshua (Ch.5, vv.9-12)

The Book of Joshua is the book which follows the 5 books of the Law (the Pentateuch). It is mainly the story of the settlement of the Israelites in “the promised land” after many years wandering through the desert of Sinai. We see how they cease to depend on ‘manna’ for food and were able to cultivate real food.

SECOND READING from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians (Ch.5. vv.17-21)

Almost the whole of Paul’s letters centre on his realisation of who Christ really was and what he could mean to his converts. From being a simple Jewish rabbi, Paul, following his own vision on the road to Damascus, has come to see Jesus Christ as have a cosmic importance for salvation. This salvation was only possible by His taking all the sins of the world upon himself. So is that it? Job done? No, because we are his ambassadors to all people for the rest of time, to bring people to Christ as Paul had done, so that they may enjoy that same forgiveness.

GOSPEL according to Luke (Ch.15 vv.1-32)

The story of the Prodigal Son is a masterpiece of divine religious literature. The fact that it has become so well known and depicted by so many artists speaks for its profound value and need among people, religious or otherwise. Often overlooked as a character off-stage is the elder son giving his life for his father in the fields,... or is he? The father: is he prodigal or stupid, or both?

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

Today: LAETARE SUNDAY – Mothering Sunday. March 30th. Abbot Brendan will be principal celebrant at our Mass in Weobley that day. (An evening for him to come to Kington will be arranged later).

LENT SOUP LUNCH – This coming Friday, April 4th. at St. Thomas’. Volunteers to share and to provide, please? £5 per head for CAFOD.

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. We started on Monday March 10th. and all was well until Tuesday when someone came in with the latest version of Universalis which uses the new translation!!! Anyway, we managed because the structure was the same. So we will continue this week. **Check the Newsletter for days, times and changes.**

CAFOD APPEAL. This year’s Cafod Lent appeal has as its theme, “Unity is our strength”. It focuses on food security in places such as rural Kenya, badly hit by years of drought, a consequence of climate change. Please take an envelope for your donation and return it, if possible, the following week, or by Palm Sunday if you wish to add to it over these weeks of Lent. Please do sign a Gift Aid form if you are a tax-payer – it greatly increases your donation. You can also donate online at www.cafod.org.uk

CAIRN TERRIER, 8 years old, quiet, well behaved, looking for a new home.....