

THE PARISH

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PRAYERS

Let us remember those in our parish and friends who are 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, Frank McNally, Vicky Tanswell.

For parishioners, relatives and friends lately dead.

Brian Tanswell,

For those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time
Gerald Goddard (M.2023), Thomas Kerrigan (T.'84), Marjory Doherty (Sa.'64)

(For peoples and leaders threatened by the greater powers of the world, especially, Greenland, Venezuela, Ukraine, Uyghur people in China, etc., etc...

For our King, Charles & Queen Camilla **and the Royal Family.** Our Prime minister and his government. May they govern with integrity, heeding the religious beliefs and social needs of our land.

For all the peoples caught up in the Middle East war.

St. Thomas of Hereford, Weobley & St. Bede the Venerable, Kington

PARISH BULLETIN

4th. Week of Lent, Year A, Sun. March 15th – Sat 21st.

LAETARE! REJOICE! Mothering Sunday

First Reading

I Sam. ch.16, vv.1-13

This episode reads a little like "The Apprentice" on BBC TV. Samuel is the Judge (ruler) over Israel, and a good one. But the people demand a king like the other nations. Samuel consults Yahweh who is not pleased and warns the people of the implication, but they insist. Saul a warrior king is chosen but turns out to be a manic depressive (in our language) so Yahweh declares in other words, "You're fired". Samuel sets off to find a replacement, and who better than the shepherd son of Jesse, David. Today he is anointed by Samuel and "the Spirit of the Lord" "rushes upon him"..

Jesus heals the man born blind.

Russian Orthodox source.



Second reading:

Ephesians ch. 5, vv.8-14.

This reading is chosen to tie in with today's gospel text of the man born blind. Paul draws an analogy between the physical blindness which God can cure and the spiritual blindness which characterised our lives before we met Christ. "Now you are light in the Lord", says Paul. This must now be the whole character of our lives. We must put away the works of darkness. Our deeds are visible for Christ will shine on us.

Gospel reading

John. Ch 9, vv.1-41

Again we turn to John for another incisive story of the religious and political blindness which led to Christ's condemnation. The story is self-explanatory but shocking in its hypocrisy and in its expose of where real blindness lies. Jesus heals a blind man on the Sabbath. It gets to the authorities (Pharisees) who have no care for the blind man but only to trap Jesus. In this they go to absurd lengths. They are determined to nail Jesus but are hoist with their own petard when Jesus points out how they are the real blind ones.

SERVICES – THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT, YEAR A

Sat. Mar.14	Mass of 4 th .Sunday of Lent - <i>LAETARE</i> KINGTON 6.00p.m.	Intention <i>Our Mothers</i>
Sun. Mar 15	4 th .SUNDAY of LENT, Mass, Weob. 10.30 <i>LAETARE – Mothering Sunday.</i>	<i>Our Mothers</i>
Mon. Mar.16	Mass at Weobiey, 10.00 <i>Morning prayer 9.40</i>	
Tue. Mar.17	Mass at Weobley, 10.00. St. Patrick <i>Morn. prayer 9.40</i>	<i>People & church in Ireland</i>
Wed. Mar.18	Mass at Kington, 10.30 - Feria <i>Morning .Prayer 9.40</i>	
Thur. Mar. 19	NO Mass - St. Joseph <i>Morning prayer 9.40</i>	
Fri. Mar. 20	Mass at Weobley - Feria 4.30 <i>Morning prayer 9.40 a.m.</i>	<i>Peace in the Middle East</i>
Sat. Mar. 21	12.00 at Belmont. Mass of St. Benedict MASS OF 5 th .SUNDAY OF LENT, K'TON 6.00	
Sun. Mar. 22	5th. SUNDAY OF LENT. MASS WEOB. 1030	

Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention , please contact Fr. Simon. Please detail for whom or what the intention is offered. It is helpful to have the name and contact details of the offerer. Envelopes available.

NOTICES

NEW – Deanery Newsletter, bring together all the local Catholic news in Herefordshire. March issue out NOW on line.

Hearty thanks to all who came to the 'Bring and Share Lunch last Sunday, to those who brought food, drink and prizes, to Joan for organising and to Frank for his brain-teasing quis.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, Friday March 27th.

CAFOD LENT BREAD 'n SOUP LUNCH IN THE PARISH ROOM 12.45, preceded by Mass at 12.00. Take an envelope today and fill it for the world's more needy.

PARISH BIBLE READING GROUP. NEXT MEETING THIS WED. MARCH 18TH. Info: Contact Andy Palfreman (palfremanandy@gmail.com) or see Fr. Simon Subj. Paul's letters to the Corinthians

KINGTON CHILDRENS' LITURGY Saturday, March 14th. during Mass in the new parish room, for all children who have not yet had 1st. Communion.

C.T.LENT COURSE, WEOBLEY: Mondays from Feb. 23rd. to March 23rd. 2.30pm. in St. Thomas' Parish Room, led by Fr. Simon. Subj. **This week, Jeremiah & Ezekiel**

Help the Homeless by drinking coffee! As well as being a great opportunity to socialise & get to know fellow parishioners better, popping into the Parish Room after Sunday Mass in Weobley is also a way of helping the **Homeless in Hereford**. After deductions for supplies from the weekly donations, we have built up a surplus.which has enabled the Parish to send a cheque for £150 to "The Living Hope" Charity in Hereford. Thank you for your donations To view their work, see thelivinghope.org.uk in a google search..

Evening Lenten retreat & Healing Service. March 17th. 6.30-9.00. ST. ETHELBERT'S CHURCH , LEOMINSTER. 86 Bargates HR6 8QS. With Fr. Michael Payyapilly V.C., Director D.R.C. Pentasaph. See Fr. Simon

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AT WEOBLEY. In the coming weeks we will be exhibiting in the parish room a fine series of painting by our late parishioner, Sheila Mundy, on the theme of the Our Father. These will be for sale as a set or as individual pictures.

COMING UP: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

<i>Palm Sunday, March 29th.</i>	<i>Mass, Jesus enters Jerusalem</i>	<i>10.30am.</i>
<i>Reconciliation, March 30th.</i>		<i>4.00pm.</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday, April 2nd</i>	<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	<i>7.00pm.</i>
<i>Good Friday April 3rd.</i>	<i>Lord's passion (at Kington)</i>	<i>3.00pm.</i>
<i>Holy Saturday April 4th.</i>	<i>EASTER VIGIL</i>	<i>9.00pm</i>
<i>EASTER SUNDAY April 5th.</i>	<i>The Lord's Resurrection</i>	<i>11.00am.</i>

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