

**THE PARISH OF ST, THOMAS OF HEREFORD
HR4 8QS AND
ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, KINGTON, HR5 3DW
4th. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Sermon on the mount. *Fra Angelico. 1436-43*

THE PARISH

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SERVICES – THE THIRD WEEK OF YEAR A.

Sat. Jan. 31 Mass of Sun. 3 in Ord. time K'ton 6.00

Sun. Feb. 1 4th. ORD. SUNDAY.

Mass. Weob. 10.30 + Pastoral Letter

Int. Brian Tanswell R.I.P.

Mon. 02 PRESENTATION -- CANDLEMAS
Mass 10.00 Weob.-

Tue. 03 Mass. 10.00 Weob – S. Blaise – Blessing

Wed. 04 Mass, 10.30 – *Feria*.

Thu. 05 NO Mass – *S. Agatha*

Fri. 06 Mass, Weob. 3.00 – *S. Paul Miki & Co.*

Sat. 07 Mass of the 5th. Ord. K'ton 6.00pm.

Sun. 08 5th. ORDINARY SUNDAY, YEAR A
URGENT PRAYERS

**ALL PEOPLES THREATENED BY THE
GREATER POWERS OF OUR WORLD.**

For the people of Canada, 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: Catherine Kelly (M.'54),
Georgia Morgan (M.), Louise Cairnes (M.'67), George
Herbert Payton (T.'52), Iris Tierney (T.'76), Frank
Evans (T.'96), Christine Bickstock (W.'96), Kenneth
Lamm (Sa..2008).

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 THIS WEEK, WED. Feb. 4th.

Info: Contact Andy Palfreman

(palfremanandy@gmail.com) or see Fr. Simon
Subj. Paul's letters to the Thessalonians

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our meeting was held at St. Bede's, Kington.
Many issues were discussed. Please see the
published notices in our churches for further
details.

COMING UP:

SHROVE (Pancake) Tuesday, February 17th.

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18th.

SERMONETTE FOR THE FOURTH ORDINARY SUNDAY OF YEAR A.

Jesus has now been baptised and blessed by the Holy Spirit to go out and preach to the nations of which Isaiah prophesied seven centuries before, Last week we saw Him gathering his first disciples and we know that He went on to gather twelve in all. What are they to do, what is to be their 'mission statement'? Today, He gives us the answer and everything He will do and say in the coming years will bear out this New Law of love.

FIRST READING: from the prophecy of Zephaniah (*Ch.2,1.Ch.3.12-13*)

The prophecy of Zephaniah is short but incisive. From around 700 b.C. between the departure of the Assyrians and the coming of the Babylonians, it castigates the people of Israel for following false Gods or for paying lip-service to the true God when they were neglecting God's favoured ones; the poor the sick and the aged, those who were left in Israel after the ravishing of the Assyrians.

Today perhaps we can liken them to those left in Gaza.

SECOND READING : from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, (*Ch.1, 26-31*)

Having reprimanded his church for its unnecessary divisions, Paul calls upon the Corinthians to consider how privileged they are to have been called in the first place when none of them had any special right to be called. God chose us in our foolishness and weakness. We have nothing to boast about except being members of Christ Jesus from whom we get our righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

GOSPEL: from the Gospel of Matthew. (*Ch.5, 1-12*)

Moses received the Law from YHWH God on Mt.Sinai. Jesus goes up a mount (probably Tabor) to preach the New Law. His Law is notably different from the post-Mosaic law with which the people had become accustomed. Jesus' Law, like Zephaniah's prophecy, was concerned with those who missed out. Jesus' words echo the mind of the *Anawim*, a movement of the 'lowly people', a pious movement which had emerged since Zephaniah's time in silent revolt against the secular powers who dominated Israel at this time)

WHAT'S 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.

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. Stuff for sale can be left neatly in the parish room.

PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU CAN HELP SERVE.

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 'Zoom'. See number on page 1.