

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



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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

4th. WEEK OF EASTER

Sat.Apr.20 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Mass for Diamond wedding of Roger & Sarah Nichols
Induct'n of Andrew Palfreman as Eucharistic Minister

Sun. 21 4th. SUN OF EASTER

Mass, Weob. 10.30Z –

Mon. 22 Mass, Weob. 10.00Z. – St.Anselm

Tues. 23 Mass. Weob. 10.00Z – ST.GEORGE

Wed. 24 Mass, Kington. 10.30 - feria

**Thur. 25 NO Mass-ST. MARK (7pm. Deanery
talk SFX)**

Fri. 26 Mass 4.00pm.Z. - feria

Sat. 27 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.

Sun. 28 5th, SUN. OF EASTER

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND
GAZA**

May peace reign in Jesus' own country

**Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change
of the Russian mind.**

**PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights
for women, especially Afghanis seeking sanctuary
in Britain.**

For Peace in the Arabian Gulf.

**FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have
love, justice and shelter according to their real
needs.**

**The people and country of Haiti and all relief
efforts.**

**We pray for those of our parish or known to us who
are sick or in need of special prayers: John and
Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro,
Vivian Brooke, Pat Walls, Sheila Mundy, Catherine
Williams, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Diane
Howells, Tom O'Brien.**

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:**

**We remember those of our parish whose
anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Sara
Mifflin (M,'66), Harold Lewis (F.), Jean Rymond
(F.2005), Ivy Ogles & Edward Ogles. (S.)**

**For King Charles III and Princess Kate at this time
of concern over their health.** May our King always
set the highest standards of leadership for our country.
We also pray for our government, especially our Prime
Minister, Rishi Sunak. 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 leadership.**

The people and leaders of Gaza, Israel & Yemen.

**It's all starting to happen
"HORIZONS OF HOPE"**

**Our Deanery series of talks for the church and the world.
Thursday April 25th. 7.00pm. St. Francis Xavier's church
"HOW TO SOW PEACE IN A WORLD AT WAR"**

**Dr. Maria Power, Fellow of Blackfriars College, Oxford.
Senior Research Fellow in Human Dignity at Las Casas
Institute for Social Justice.**

COMING UP:

PLANT FAIR, BROXWOOD COURT. Wed. Apr.24

CHARITY EVENING AT BROXWOOD COURT - £40.

Friday April 26th. 6.30 for 7.00, Afghan Supper 8.00

"HEREFORDSHIRE CITY OF SANCTUARY"

**Glass of wine, Talk by Arthur Denaro, Delicious
Afghan supper, Pay bar, Heads 'n' tails & Raffle.**

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION OF OUR LADY

Wed. May 15th, 2024. 9.00pm.

In the grounds of Belmont Abbey.

**Light refreshments for purchase at Hedley Lodge
from 6.00**

**PARISH RETREAT DAY, at LLANGASTY,
Monday June 17th. led by Fr. Alex Kenyon OSB.
Morning refreshments, 2 talks, Lunch, Quiet time
in beautiful house and scenery, Tea. All for £38.00**

SERMONETTE – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS READINGS

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (*Ch.4, vv.8-12*).

In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter has just cured a crippled man. The crowds are incredulous or in admiration. The Jewish authorities are in utter consternation. Without a shred of feeling for the crippled man, their concern is about an unauthorised healing. It looks like the work of Jesus but it can't be because they crucified Him. Oh no, says Peter, this healing was not through any power of ours but is the work of the same Jesus whom you crucified and whom God – your God – has raised from the dead so that we can carry on His works in His name. The prophets said in the psalms: “The stone which the builders rejected has become the keystone”. Even as today, a healing will be attributed to Mr. So-and-So, or to the NHS, these healings by the Christian community are carried out uniquely in the name of Jesus the Nazarene and by the power of His Spirit.

SECOND READING from the first letter of John (*Ch.3. vv.1-2*)

John reminds us that we are very special to God: He lets us be called His children so, as Jesus had taught his disciples, we can call Him “Father”. People outside (“the world”) do not acknowledge Him so why should they listen to us? If we are children of God now, what can this mean for us in the future when we are with Him in the Kingdom. All we know is that we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is – imagine!

GOSPEL according to John (*Ch.10, vv.11-18*)

In the very middle of John's gospel comes this remarkable and beautiful sermon about Jesus as the “good shepherd”. Talk of “shepherds” would have been common-place to the people of Jesus' milieu, like talk of computers today. Those people would have known what a “good shepherd” was as compared to the “hired man”. We are Jesus' sheep and he knows us, even by name. He also recognises any strange sheep of another flock. So dear are we to Jesus that He declares that he would lay down his life for us. And He did! There will be other sheep, ‘stray sheep’ whom He will encourage into His fold so that all may come under His unique care. They will all come to know his voice.

The last paragraph of the sermon is remarkable. His Father loves Jesus because he is prepared to lay down his life, and does so, “in order to take it up again” – a prophecy of the resurrection. It is Jesus who lays down His own life by no force or coercion but of His own free will. Having done so, Jesus rises of His own free will in response to His Father's will for all mankind.