

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW
!HABEMUS PAPAM!
FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER**



“My sheep hear my voice.” John ch.10, v.27

SAD NEWS. Bishop Mark Jabale of Belmont Abbey died peacefully last night, Friday 9th.

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FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sat.May 10 Mass of the 4th.Sun. K'ton. 6.00

(*int: Pope Leo XIV*)

Sun	11 4th.SUNDAY of EASTER, Mass- Weobley.10.30Z int.Pope Leo XIV
Mon	12 NO Mass, feria M.P.9.40Z Requiem Mass for Justin Neill. 12.00
Tue.	13 Mass, Weob.10.00Z– feria M.P.9.40Z
Wed	14 Mass,Kington 10.30. feria M.P.9.40Z
Thur.	15 NO Mass. Morning prayer 9.30Z
Fri	16 Mass, Weob. 4.00 feria M.P.9.40Z
Sat.	17 Mass of Sunday, 6.00pm. Kington
Sun.	18 FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER Mass, Weobley 10.30. Bapt. of ... Jasminez during Mass.

FUNERAL OF JUSTIN NEILL: Reception of his body, St. Bede's, Kington, Sun. May 11th.7.00pm.
Requiem Mass Mon.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

For permanent peace between India and Pakistan.

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, Tess Gazarolli..

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

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sydney Hughes (W.'64), Eileen Williams (W.2003), John Elles (Th.72) Catharine Gartside (Th. 2001), Maria Boros (Th.2002), Gwen Jones (F.). Cecilia Gore (Sa.'67)

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 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch.13 vv.14+43-52)

Today we join Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey into Asia Minor (Turkey). Passing through the port of Perga and heading for inland Iconium, they arrive at the provincial capital of Antioch in Pisidia. (This town was largely destroyed by the earthquake a few years ago.) Here they are welcomed by the gentiles but rejected by the Jews. This becomes the familiar pattern for Paul's journeys from now on. Their impact was tremendous: "almost the whole town" turned up but this only made the Jews more jealous of their popularity and from now on they seek to disrupt Paul's missions.

SECOND READING from the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) .(Ch.7.)

John is having a further vision: this time it is a view of the heavenly court with all the blessed people who have made it to the kingdom. They are all worshipping the Lamb of God. Their garments are pure white, symbolising their purity, even though they have been washed in the "blood of the Lamb of God" for they have all been through great suffering. Their home is now the court of heaven with all the blessed where all their sadness and tribulation has been washed away. We will return to the Lamb later in the book.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John (Ch.10, vv27-30)

Our text takes us back in time to when Jesus was preaching around Capernaum in Galilee. Already He is referring to the symbolism of sheep, the most common animals in the region. Sheep are to be the main symbols of Jesus' followers until the metaphor is consumed in Himself as the Lamb of God. Until then, we, His sheep are protected by His Father's care.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

ANNUAL TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

BELMONT ABBEY, THIS 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 postponed *sine die*.

STRAWBERRY TEA. Sunday June 22nd. 2.30-5.00. Please start collecting bottles for the bottle-stall and raffle prizes. This is a fund-raising event for the parish. Tickets will be on sale at our churches during June.

STOP STOP PRESS

Baby Girl, ~Sophia Isla, born Saturday May 3rd., to Eleanor (nee Hereford) and Andrew Kinghorn. Message from Peter Hereford.

GATES: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CAR-PARK GATES AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. THIS IS BECAUSE CERTAIN PERSONS OF A PERAMBULANT DISPOSITION ARE TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CAMP DOWN ON APPARENTLY VACANT PROPERTIES. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE: I HOPE IT WON'T LAST LONG. Fr. Simon